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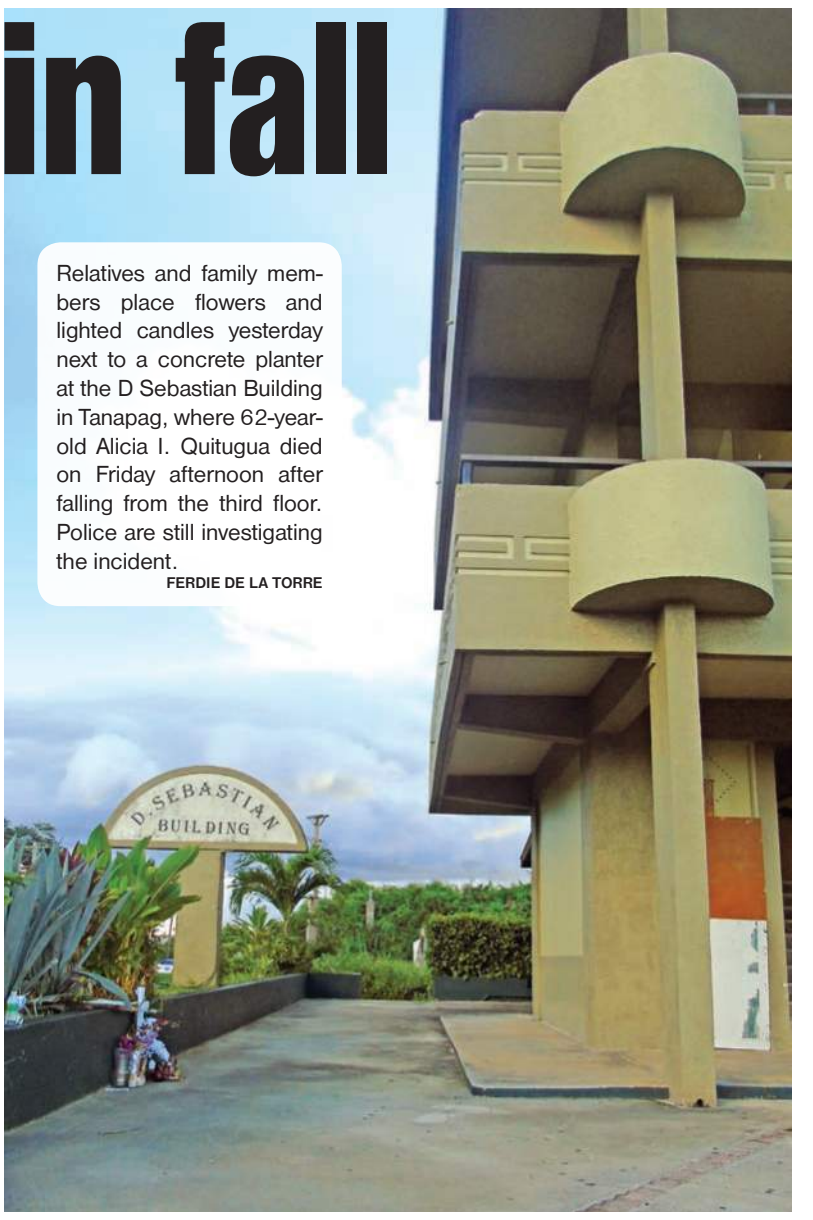
Woman, 62, dies in fall



Relatives and family members place flowers and lighted candles yesterday next to a concrete planter at the D Sebastian Building in Tanapag, where 62-year-old Alicia I. Quitugua died on Friday afternoon after falling from the third floor. Police are still investigating the incident.
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Police investigation is ongoing in the death of a 62-year-old woman who fell Friday afternoon from the third floor of a three-story building across the Tanapag Middle School.

Police spokesman Sgt. Jason Tarkong said yesterday that family members identified the victim as Alicia I. Quitugua.

Tarkong said that Quitugua was a tenant of the D. Sebastian Building, where she lived on the third floor.

Saipan Tribune learned that Quitugua was staying with her son and his

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80-percent salary increase is halted

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The controversial 80-percent salary increase authorized by law has been put to a stop even if the fiscal year 2018 budget reflects the salary increase, according to official documents obtained by *Saipan Tribune*.

Finance Secretary Larissa Larson told Sen. Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian), chairman of the Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee, in an Aug. 17, 2017, letter that she will

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$20.7M land payments now out

On Friday, Aug. 18, 2017, Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson notified the Office of the Attorney General about the full payment of $20.7 million for land compensation obligations, in accordance with Public Law 20-04.

According to Larson, the largest outstanding land compensation obligation payments will now be dis-

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US Navy awards contract for future Marine base in Guam

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—The U.S. Navy awarded a contract Friday for utility construction and site improvements for a future Marine Corps base on Guam.

The announcement came amid heightened tensions between North Korea and the U.S. just days after the North considered a preemptive missile strike on the strategically important U.S. territory of Guam.

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WINNING FORM
A cow under the non-Santa Gertrudis breed and crosses category is showcased at the 34th Annual Agricultural Fair last Saturday at the Garapan Fishing Base. This cow won a first-place ribbon.
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‘Extent of victim’s memory loss turned up during testimony’

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The lead prosecutor in the case against a man found guilty of beating and robbing a woman became aware of the extent of the victim’s memory loss when she was on the stand, testifying about her injuries.

Shortly after the guilty verdict was rendered against Jodan Santos Taitingfong on Friday, assistant attorney general Teri Tenorio said the extent of the victim’s injuries had not been brought to their attention until when the victim was actually testifying on the stand.

“I assumed that it was the communication barrier when I interviewed this victim on several different occasions,” she said.

Tenorio said she was initially unaware of the extent of the victim’s memory loss and cognitive impairment that she had suffered. It was only after the victim spoke on the stand that Tenorio talked to a medical expert—the victim’s treating physician—based on what Tenorio heard from the victim’s testimony and based on the examination conducted on her.

Most importantly and significantly, Tenorio said, the victim is experiencing headaches almost every day.

“And you saw her testifying in court. She clearly did not even understand or comprehend some of the questions,” Tenorio said.

This prompted her to contact Dr. Jeramy Scott Devey of the Commonwealth Health Center and asked him about this. Tenorio said that Devey asked for the victim to go to the Commonwealth Health Center and get another exam.

That information was excluded from the jury, according to Tenorio, adding that the jurors were not aware of that additional information they learned.

Tenorio said Devey even

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FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Assistant attorney general Teri Tenorio uses her phone as assistant attorney general Jonathan Glass Jr. listens during a short break in the trial of Jodan Santos Taitingfong in this file photo taken last Wednesday. Tenorio revealed that she became aware of the extent of the victim’s memory loss only when she was testifying on the stand about her injuries, and had to call the doctor, who was the treating physician and the government’s expert.

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Knowing Our Visitors

Let’s find out more about our visitors, based on the Marianas Visitors Authority’s latest visitor exit survey. Here’s what a sampling of visitors shared with us before their departure from The Marianas:

Frequency of Travel

Most visitors to The Marianas could be considered frequent travelers. Overall, when we asked visitors how often they travel outside their home country, most reported doing so often, with 36% traveling once a year and an additional 27% twice year.

First Time and Repeat Visitors

Is this their first visit to The Marianas? For 83% of those interviewed, yes it was. But 17% have visited before: 8% of Koreans had visited before, while 4% of both Japan and China visitors have visited before. Most repeat visitors last visited The Marianas more than two years ago (43%).

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34th Agri Fair exceeds expectations

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The abundant display of crops, livestock, and ornamental plants at the 34th Agricultural Fair clearly spoke of how fertile the land is in the Commonwealth.

And the increased number of people who visited the fair over the weekend at the Garapan Fishing Base clearly showed the increased interest of people, according to Saipan and Northern Islands Fair Association president Michael Ogo, who said that Saturday's event turned out to be a greater success than the last year's fair.

The fair was so packed that a couple of livestock had to be turned away as there was no longer cage space for the livestock display.

Ogo feels this is a step in the right direction and just shows that people are making use of the island's abundant resources. In line with this, plans are in the works to expand the fair next year

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The agricultural fair was originally set for late May or early June, but because of unspecified circumstances, the association decided to hold off hosting the fair.

Ogo himself was pleasantly surprised by the event's turnout. "Because we are already in the middle of the rainy season, we were thinking the turnout wouldn't be as good."

He was thinking that due to the weather, farmers would have a harder time producing high quality produce, but to Ogo's surprise, the produce at the fair was both abundant in quantity and exceeded his expectations in quality.

According to Ogo, this year's fair brought him to the realization that more individuals are getting into the food production business through growing produce and livestock. "I think there is just a general feeling of optimism in the community and that people are getting into food production, whether its fruits and vegetables or livestock to supply the demand of the booming economy," said Ogo.

The fair brought together ranchers, farmers, children, young people, and even tourists.

Among the audience was Bryan de Guzman. The 17-year-old has never attended an agricultural fair all his life, yet now he feels more connected to the island, knowing that a lot of the produce is grown locally.

He was shocked to know that many imported vegetables can actually be grown on the island. "Why import when we can grow it here, right?" he asked.

Ogo was also pleased with the unity that was displayed. Without the unity of the sponsors, the farmers, the ranchers, and the community the 34th Annual Agricultural Fair wouldn't have been as successful as it was, Ogo said.

Widow sues feds for 3-year delay in green card petition

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A Chinese widow of a U.S. citizen is suing the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for allegedly not acting on her petitions for a green card for three years now.

Aside from U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary John F. Kelly and Attorney General Jeffrey Sessions, Jun Cui Seman, through counsel Samuel Mok, is also suing USCIS Center director for the National Benefits Center's Robert M. Cowan, USCIS district director David Gulick, and USCIS acting director James McCamant.

Seman is a petitioner of a pending I-360 petition to classify herself as the widow of a U.S. citizen as well as the application for a pending I-485 application to adjust status to a permanent resident.

Seman asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to compel USCIS to decide on her pending applications.

Mok said that Seman married Enrique Kaipat Seman on Saipan on Sept. 6, 2012. On May 29, 2014, Enrique Seman passed away.

On June 30, 2014, Seman filed with USCIS a self-petition to have herself classified as the widow of a U.S. citizen.

On Aug. 18, 2014, the petitioner appeared for an interview for her I-360 petition at the USCIS Office on Saipan.

At the end of the interview, Mok said, the interviewing officer did not issue any requests for further information.

Since that time, Mok said, petitioner has not received any further communication from the USCIS regarding her pending I-360 petition despite the passage of three years.

Seman made InfoPass appointments and several calls to the National Customer Service Center to find out the reason for the delay in the adjudication of her case yet failed to receive any helpful information, Mok said.

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Torres withdraws sole CPUC nomination

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres on Thursday withdrew his sole nominee to the long-stagnant Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission.

James Benavente is no longer a candidate to serve on the CPUC board, as per the candidate's request to Torres.

According to a statement from the Torres administration, Benavente himself sought "the opportunity to focus" on his professional engineering certification.

Benavente is currently working on a civil engineering license. He was nominated by Torres last June 21, 2017, and is also working at the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality.

Benavente obtained his bachelor's in Civil Engineering at Boise State University in Boise, Idaho.

"… I have accepted his request to provide him the opportunity to focus on preparing for this rigorous examination. It speaks to his commitment to being a more effective public servant," said the Torres statement.

"I wish him the best of luck in obtaining his PE certification, and I look forward to reappointing him to CPUC at a later date," said the statement.

The CPUC board has been inactive for over a year. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

Researchers find wreckage of WWII-era USS *Indianapolis*

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Civilian researchers say they have located the wreck of the USS *Indianapolis*, the World War II heavy cruiser that played a critical role in the atomic bombing of Hiroshima before being struck by Japanese torpedoes.

The sinking of the *Indianapolis* remains the Navy's single worst loss at sea. The fate of its crew — nearly 900 were killed, many by sharks, and just 316 survived — was one of the Pacific war's more horrible and fascinating tales.

The expedition crew of Research Vessel Petrel, which is owned by Microsoft cofounder Paul Allen, says it located the wreckage of the *Indianapolis* on the floor of the North Pacific Ocean, more than 18,000 feet (5,500 meters) below the surface, the U.S. Navy said in a news release Saturday.

"To be able to honor the brave men of the USS *Indianapolis* and their families through the discovery of a ship that played such a significant role in ending World War II is truly humbling," Allen said in the news release.

The *Indianapolis*, with 1,196 sailors and Marines on board, was sailing the Philippine Sea between Guam and Leyte Gulf when two torpedoes from a Japanese submarine struck just after midnight on July 30, 1945. It sank in 12 minutes, killing about 300. Survivors were left in the water, most of them with only life jackets.

There was no time to send a distress signal, and four days passed before a bomber on routine patrol happened to spot the survivors in the water. By the time rescuers arrived, a combination of exposure, dehydration, drowning and constant shark attacks had left only one-fourth of the ship's original number alive.

Over the years numerous books recounted the ship's disaster and its role in delivering key components of what would become the atomic bomb "Little Boy" to the island of Tinian, the take-off point for the bomber Enola Gay's mission to Hiroshima in August 1945. Documentaries and movies, most recently "USS *Indianapolis*: Men of Courage" (2016) starring Nicolas Cage, have recounted the crew's horror-filled days at sea. The *Indianapolis* sinking also was a plot point in the Steven Spielberg blockbuster "Jaws" (1975), with the fictitious survivor Capt. Quint recounting the terror he felt waiting to be rescued.

The Navy news release issued Saturday said a key to finding the *Indianapolis* came in 2016 when Richard Hulver, a historian with the Naval History and Heritage Command, determined a new search area. Hulver's research identified a naval landing craft that had recorded a sighting of the *Indianapolis* the day before it sank. The research team developed a new search area, although it was still 600 square miles of open ocean.

The Navy said the 13-person expedition team on the R/V Petrel was surveying the *Indianapolis* site. The team's work has been compliant with U.S. law regarding a sunken warship as a military grave not to be disturbed, according to the Navy. The wrecked ship remains the property of the Navy and its location is both confidential and restricted, it said.

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"This effort is a big step in strengthening Guam, as part of the Marianas strategic hub, ensuring the Marine Corps' ability to sustain a forward presence within the Indo-Asia-Pacific region," Lt. Gen. David Berger, commander of U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific, said in a statement. "Historically, the Marine Corps has played an essential role in our nation's ability to deter adversaries and defend, as well as strengthen the capabilities of our partners and allies within the region. We are as committed as ever in maintaining that role and responsibility."

The Navy said the $164.9 million Japanese-funded contract was awarded in support of an international agreement between the U.S. and Japan. The relocation of Marines to the island has been in the works for over a decade.

The money will be used for utilities and site improvements at Finegayan. The contract includes construction of utilities, roads and infrastructure as well as removal of unexploded ordnance and munitions.

"[Friday's] contract award is a clear demonstration of the Marine Corps' commitment to Guam and the continued progress we are making to move forward with the realignment," said Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU). …"This is a significant step forward for the buildup as it is the first award since the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in collaboration with the Department of Navy, issued the biological opinion. I am committed to ensuring that Guam's workforce issues are resolved to support all civilian and military construction needs in Guam.

"I will continue to push for my provision in the [National Defense Authorization Act] to give [United States Citizenship and Immigration Services] flexibility in approving H-2B visas for workers in our military construction and health care industries, as well as efforts to provide a broader solution for Guam and the region. I look forward to the awardee partnering with local businesses and providing opportunities for our people as the contract is carried out." ***(With Saipan Tribune)***

$20.7M

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bursed to the respective estates.

"The [Torres] administration has long prioritized these obligations since the start of their term and have met the conditions of the Superior Court order for the payment of the Mangabao estate in the amount of $16.3 million by Aug. 18, 2017. Additionally, because of the government's increasing revenue stream, we were also able to pay off the other largest outstanding obligations. It has been more than a decade for many of these families, so we are pleased that we can move forward with addressing our other responsibilities and eventually provide what is due to the remaining claimants," Larson said.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, in a statement during the signing of Public Law 20-04 on Wednesday, thanked the Legislature for passing the bill and expressed his gratitude to the families who waited patiently.

"I truly believe our government should live up to its promises, and the payment of these longstanding obligations will allow the CNMI to further address government debts in the near future," said Torres. "My administration will continue to maintain our commitment to include future appropriations to address the remaining land compensation claims on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota."

Larson added that now that the funding has been released, the Attorney General will be responsible for disbursement of claims provided in the court orders. ***(PR)***

WOMAN

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wife in that apartment unit. It's not clear whether the couple was at the apartment when the incident happened. Some private companies also rent some units of the building.

Tarkong said that police responded on Friday at 2:14pm to a report of a dead person incident in Tanapag and that the initial call came from Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services personnel.

DFEMS personnel were the first to respond to the scene.

Tarkong said Quitugua was found on the ground of the D. Sebastian Building with no pulse and was not breathing.

Relatives told *Saipan Tribune* that Quitugua's body landed on the concrete planters on the ground floor. Family members placed flowers and lighted candles yesterday next to the planter.

Tarkong said that Quitugua's remains were brought to the Commonwealth Health Center's morgue for further investigative and preservative purposes.

"At this time, the investigation is ongoing and further release of any details of this case is forthcoming," he said.

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not pay for "such increases" until the increases are proven to be constitutional.

"I have voluntarily agreed to an injunction which precludes from issuing, authorizing, or approving any payment of increased salaries to members of the Legislature, governor, and lieutenant governor until such time that the Supreme Court rules that such increases are constitutional," said Larson in the letter.

Larson said in the letter that she agreed to the injunction in order to "proceed with determining the constitutionality of the salary increases authorized by Public Law 19-83."

Attorney General Edward Manibusan has filed a civil case against the secretary, challenging the constitutionality of the increase.

Earlier this year, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres did not act on PL 19-83 within 40 days; that effectively made it into law.

PL 19-83 increases the salaries of the governor, lieutenant governor, and members of the Legislature by 80 percent and civil service employees by 5 percent. PL 19-83 has been in effect since this January.

The salary increases were met with opposition by 19th Legislature representatives Edwin Propst (Ind-Saipan), Edmund Villagomez (Ind-Saipan), Vinson Sablan (Ind-Saipan), Blas "BJ" Jonathan Attao (Ind-Saipan), and Ralph Yumul.

PL 19-83 became law in the middle of fiscal year 2017, therefore the budget then failed to appropriate the increase in salaries for the elected officials.

Discussions and deliberations for this coming fiscal year 2018 did not touch the appropriations for the increased salaries. However, it is reflected in the budget for the upcoming fiscal year, starting Oct. 1, 2017.

That mired discussions on the fiscal year 2018 budget. The budget bill still passed the House, with Propst, Sablan, and Villagomez voting against the increases.

According to a previous interview with House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan), the committee did not recommend against nor supported the increase since they are merely following PL 19-83. He added that without any "litigation ordering otherwise, the Ways and Means Committee is bound to abide by the law and [PL 19-83] set those new salary scales."

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went back to the hospital on his own time to follow up with the victim.

The victim testified on Tuesday how she was hit on the head and robbed inside her room on the third floor of Micro Beach Hotel in the early morning of July 7, 2017.

The victim, however, could not identify Taitingfong in the courtroom. Her testimony had some inconsistencies.

The prosecution asked for a short recess in the middle of the victim's testimony.

Tenorio and Glass were then seen holding a discussion outside the courtroom. After several minutes, the victim later resumed her testimony.

Taitingfong, 24, was later found guilty of robbery and aggravated assault and battery. His sentencing will be on Dec. 5, 2017.

Assistant attorney general Jonathan Glass Jr., who assisted Tenorio in the case, said that Tenorio did a wonderful job. He thanked the staff of the Office of the Attorney General for "all the hard work that they did as well."

"It takes a team to do all of these. Everybody chipped in and this is for the community," he said.

Glass said this is not only about justice for the victim but also about keeping the community safe.

"And justice was served today," Glass said Thursday.

The treating physician, Devey, had testified on Wednesday how the victim had severe injuries when taken to CHC in the early morning of July 7, 2016.

Devey said the victim's face was swollen and her mouth had wounds that required stitches. He said the victim's one front tooth was gone and two other teeth in the front were damaged.

Devey said if the victim has a headache for a year after the incident and having dizziness, memory loss, and insomnia, among other symptoms, it is an indication that she has concussion or brain injury.

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Uncle Dave now a lifetime Chamber member

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REPORTER

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce has made business icon David Sablan a lifetime member for his involvement and commitment in furthering the business community in the CNMI. The recognition is a first in the Chamber's history.

"We wanted to honor him because he has always been there for the Chamber. He has been a board member and was instrumental in moving things along in any issues that affected the Chamber and the business community," said Chamber president Velma Palacios.

"We always turn to him for advice, wisdom, and for whatever guidance we need with respect to the government, armed forces, and business community. We know that he is always there for us, that is why the Chamber gave 'Uncle Dave' this lifetime honorary membership," she added.

Sablan, a top caliber executive who wears many hats, has countless contributions to the CNMI government, tourism, economy, community, and the private sector.

"I am really honored. This came as a surprise. I went in the Chamber for a meeting and all of a sudden I was told that the Chamber has something to give me. When I saw the award, I got chills," he said.

(BEA CABRERA

From left, Jill Arenovski, Dave Sablan, Velma Palacios, and Rita Sablan. "I am really honored. This came as a surprise. When I saw the award, I got chills throughout my system," Sablan said.

Sablan, a former president/CEO of Century Insurance Co., is a charter member of the Chamber.

His ties with the Chamber actually started with his father, former Saipan mayor Elias Sablan. The latter was one of the original members of the Chamber that goes back to 1959 when it was established.

"I lived in Guam for 18 years and since my father was the mayor of Saipan all the way to 1957, I used to just visit Saipan. I finally returned to Saipan, making it my domicile in 1965. We helped organized the Chamber in 1967 to where it is today," Sablan said.

At 85, Sablan is an icon in the CNMI business community. He has a story about everyone and everybody has a story about his work, influence, and vision for the business community.

Chamber executive director Jill Arenovski said, "Uncle Dave is the only Chamber member that I know that's a charter member. He just has so much history about the Chamber that it is really helpful to have him as a resource. If we look back at what was done, Uncle Dave certainly has a story for it."

"He is the only one that the Chamber has given an honorary lifetime membership. We know that he is retired but even so, we want him to remain in the Chamber because we still need his knowledge," she added.

Sablan's vision is for the Chamber to continue to shape the business community and uphold what the original members started.

"Now, we have a very formal president (Palacios) and a very capable executive director (Arenovski) who looks after the business section of our island. What I like to see happen in the future is that other ethnic groups in business must organize themselves and work with the Chamber so we can make the CNMI a better place to do business," Sablan said.

Refalawasch group elects new officers

The Carolinian community has revived its organization, electing a new set of officers. The group's work would focus on helping its people's wellbeing in the Northern Mariana Islands.

Elected as officers are Ambrosio Ogumuro, president; Juan Tenorio, vice president; Emy Palican, secretary; and Cecilia Taitano, treasurer.

"Our goal is the collective improvement in the wellbeing of our people through unity," Ogumuro said. "A lot of our efforts would [be] in training and skills acquisition and education as it relates to career development", he added. "It's the total development of the wellbeing of our people that matters, facing new challenges in the 21st century."

"We're thankful to the pillars of our community who joined us last week, emphasizing the strength of unity for the benefit of one and all", Ogumuro said. "I am also most humbled by the confidence entrusted in my providing leadership for our newly revived organization."

"I have confidence in our newly organized leadership to make a difference." ***(PR)***

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-17-018

Supply and Delivery of Water and Wastewater Annual Materials

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified vendors for the Supply and Delivery of Water & Wastewater Division Annual Materials for Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

CUC may award a contract to more than one firm for the materials based on bids for "Commodity Groups".

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked ***"CUC-IFB-17-018, Supply & Delivery of Water & Wastewater Division Annual Materials",*** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 06, 2017** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and

Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All responses to this IFB shall take into account any and all taxes which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract.

The IFB does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the bid under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Prospective Bidders must comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered Prospective Bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 22, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator- via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Geoffrey Ada, CUC Water-Wastewater, Inventory Technician – via email address geoffrey.ada@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant-via email address marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN, JR.
Purchasing Administrator

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-17-038

Electric Power Pole Mitigation Project

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms to perform mitigation of the CUC power distribution system through the replacement of 374 wood poles to concrete poles in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project entails the replacement of 103 units of 35-foot and 271 units of 40-foot wood poles to concrete poles and the assembly of electrical hardware. The work site is to take place across CUC's power grid.

This project is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from the CUC and FEMA.

*CUC requires the Project to be completed in **174 calendar days** from date of award of contract.*

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **August 15, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-038, Electric Power Pole Mitigation Project", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 29, 2017** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered Prospective Bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 18, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator- via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Adrian Reyes, CUC Power Jr. Electrical Engineer – via email address adrian.reyes@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant-via email address marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and to waive any defects in said bid documents, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN, JR.
Purchasing Administrator

NMI to get $42K historic preservation grant

The U.S. Department of the Interior, with the National Park Service, announced Friday that it is awarding $42,488 in historic preservation grants to the Northern Mariana Islands.

This is part of $21 million that will be awarded across the nation. A total of $184,478 will be awarded to the Federated States of Micronesia; $106,914 to Palau; $172,372 to Hawaii; $41,139 to Guam; and $30,959 to American Samoa.

Administered by the National Park Service, these funds are appropriated annually by Congress from the Historic Preservation Fund. The HPF funds preservation programs at State Historic Preservation Offices.

Since its inception in 1977, the HPF has provided more than $1.2 billion in historic preservation grants to states, tribes, local governments, and non-profit organizations.

Funded at $80 million in 2017, the HPF does not use any tax dollars. It is supported solely by Outer Continental Shelf oil lease revenues. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

TakeCare donates $100K to UOG Nursing Program

Faculty, students, and senior executives from the University of Guam accepted a $100,000 check from TakeCare Insurance Co. on Aug. 11.

The donation is part of a multi-year partnership with the university, which concludes in 2020.

"The TakeCare contribution allows for the program to be innovative and expand opportunities for student learning beyond the minimum required curriculum," said dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences Dr. Margaret Hattori-Uchima.

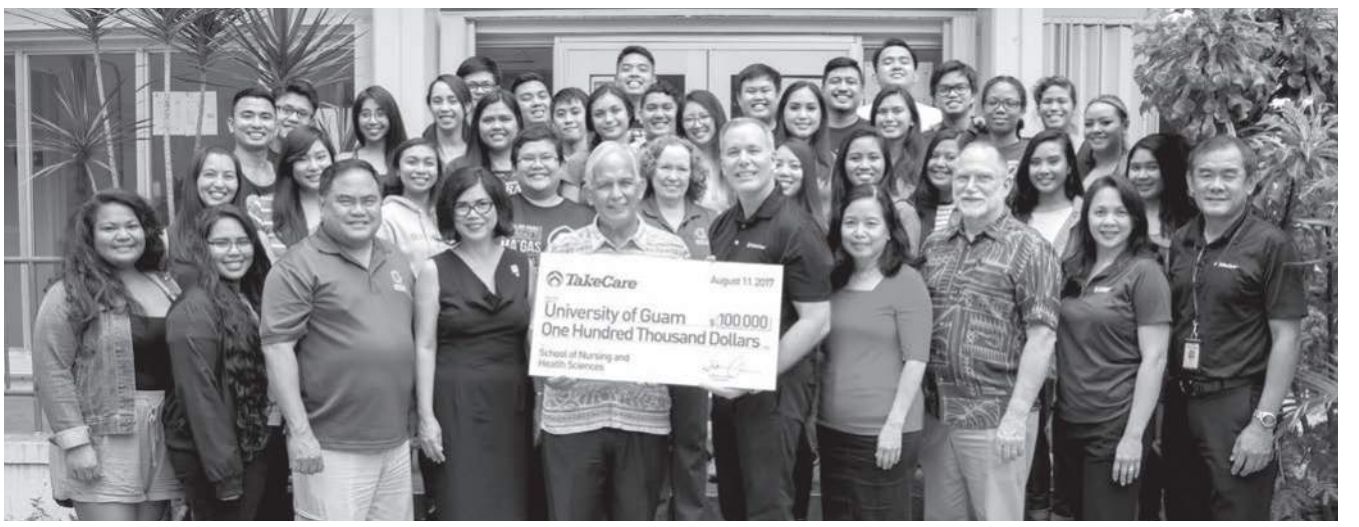
The funds from TakeCare contribute to clinical mentorships at Guam Memorial Hospital where this past summer, 40 students were able to take advantage of this tremendous learning opportunity.

Program initiatives that lead to the 100-percent NCLEX pass rate of the 2016 Bachelor of Nursing graduates were also paid for with the TakeCare funds. The NCLEX is a standardized test nursing majors must take to become registered nurses.

The money also funds an NCLEX online review course for students, faculty development and training on NCLEX, education development for current and future faculty, and other instructional supplies needed to ensure a quality nursing education is provided to our students.

TakeCare president Jeff Larsen said that over the past decade that the partnership has existed, he has seen the positive impact the donation makes on each nursing class

"TakeCare has and will continue to support the future of Guam's health care industry through the investment of the University of Guam's School of Nursing and its students," Larsen said. "TakeCare's mission is to constantly improve the quality and standards of healthcare for our members as well as our island community." ***(PR)***



Representatives of TakeCare Insurance Co. present a $100,000 check to officials of the University of Guam's School of Nursing and Health Sciences on Aug. 11. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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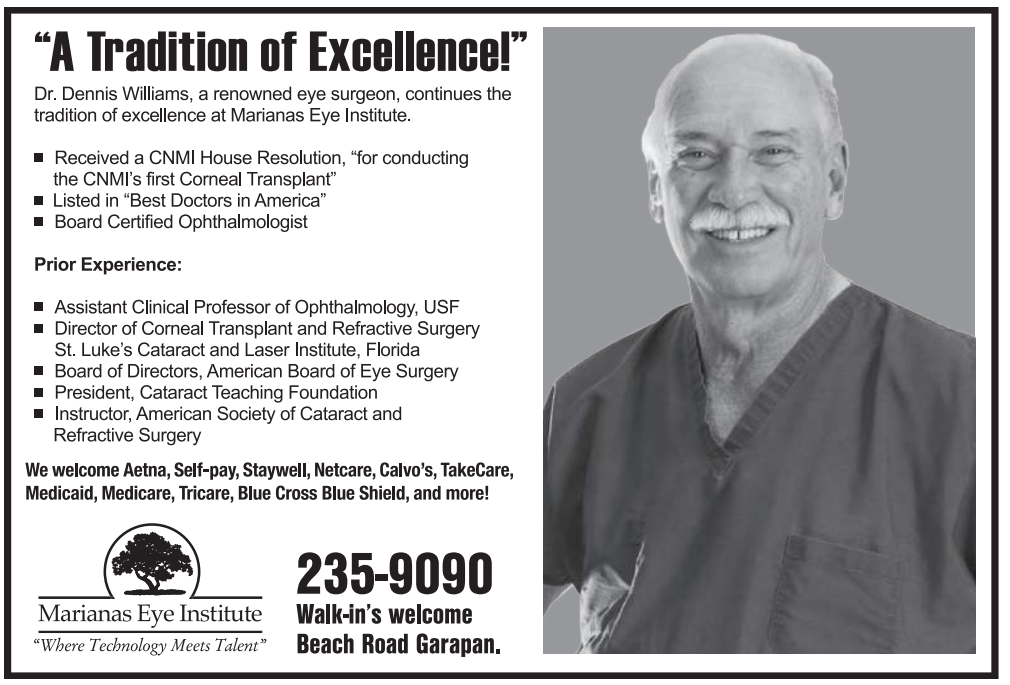
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Commonwealth Casino Commission ("Commission"), hereby give notice that the Commission has scheduled its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library (Technology Room) in Susupe, Saipan.

The following Agenda will be discussed:

I. PRELIMINARIES:
- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Adoption of Agenda
- D. Adoption of Minutes: August 3, 2017

II. REPORTS:
- A. Report by the Chairman
- B. Report by the Executive Director

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS – Casino Licensee (IPI) Updates:
- A. Construction Progress – Imperial Pacific Resort & Hotel & Roadways
- B. IPI Personnel - Training and Recruitment of U.S. Workers & Employee Compensation
- C. Responsible Gaming Program
- D. Other Miscellaneous Matters

V. OLD BUSINESS:
- A. Imperial Pacific International (CNMI), LLC: Organizational Chart
- B. Revenue Sharing Option & Rebate Agreement – Request for Approval

VI. NEW BUSINESS:
- A. Consideration of Stipulated Resolution of Complaint 17-001; Adoption of CCC Order Confirming Stipulated Resolution of Complaint 17-001.
- B. Proposed Amendment to §175-10.1-1805 (b) For Publication in Commonwealth Register for Public Comments
- C. Approval of Regular Junket Operator License (2-Year License: 09/01/17 — 08/31/2019)
  - * Big Bang Entertainment, LLC (Du Young Jang). Provisional License will expire on 08/31/17
- D. Notification of Provisional Casino Key Employee ("CKE") License:
  - • Mr. Kenneth James Hines ("Ken") – Vice President for Compliance. Issued on 08/11/2017
  - • Ms. Catherine Samaras – Vice President of Internal Controls. Issued on 08/15/2017

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
- A. Report by the Legal Counsel
- B. IPI Financial Matters

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session. In addition, the Commission may extend its official meeting for another day or more if necessary.

Juan M. Sablan
Chairman

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd floor-Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan, MP 96950

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Department of Public works would like to inform the general public particularly business owners operating hotels, industrial building, commercial buildings, apartment buildings, office spaces, multiple-family residential buildings and other structures used for business shall possess valid certificate of occupancy issued by the Building Safety Code Division of the department.

CNMI Public Law 6-45, Subchapter 155-0.1 of the Building Safety Code Rules and Regulations specifies the following:

§ 155-10.1-301 Certificate of Occupancy:

No building or structure hereafter erected shall be occupied or used, in whole or in part, until a certificate of occupancy has been issued by the building safety official and posted on the premises certifying that such building conforms to the provisions of the Safety Code and the regulations in this subchapter. The certificate of occupancy shall remain posted indefinitely in a conspicuous place. A certificate of occupancy for a business shall be issued with a term of one year only; the business must renew the certificate each year.

It is the responsibility of the operator, business owner or owners to apply or to renew certificate of occupancy. Effective August 20, 2017, Building Inspectors from the Building Safety Code Division will perform routine inspections and verify if certificate of occupancies is posted on the conspicuous place of the establishments.

For more information, please visit:

Building Safety Code Division
2nd Floor Oleai Joeten Commercial Center
Oleai, Saipan, MP 96950
Telephone: (670) 234-2726/2296

/S/ CASIANO M. BOSTRE, P.E.
Building Safety Official

/S/ JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

PH consular outreach in September

The Philippine Consulate General in Guam will be holding a mobile outreach on Saipan on Sept. 8 to Sept. 11 at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. It will accommodate 640 applicants who pre-registered for passport renewal.

If an individual wants to avail of one of the 640 slots available for the outreach program, they must call the office of Philippine honorary consul to the Commonwealth Glicerio Arago at 233-6293. The individual has to set up the renewal appointment with Mel Santos. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

Class of 1987 gears up for 30-year reunion

The Marianas High School Class of 1987 will be having its 30th-year class reunion on Sept. 23. The reunion is open to any CNMI Class of 1987 graduate, regardless of which high school they graduated from. A Mass in honor of departed classmates will be held at the San Antonio Church on Sept. 23, 2017, at 4pm. The reunion will follow immediately after the Mass, from 5:30pm to 10pm, at the Surf Club (beach side) in Chalan Kanoa, the former Pacific Gardenia Sunset Bar and Grill. To purchase a reunion ticket or to get more information, send an email to cnmiclassof87@gmail.com or join the CNMI Class of '87 Facebook for updates on the reunion event and/or to request for ticket. ***(PR)***

Free cat adoption month

Saipan's animal welfare group, Saipan Cares for Animals, is hosting a free cat adoption month until the end of August. All cat and kitten adoptions are free until the end of the month on Aug. 31. Call Beth at 285-5448 or visit www.SaipanCaresforAnimals.com to find out more. You can also visit Saipan Cares for Animals on Facebook for directions on how to get there! ***(CSA)***

Notice to all Kagman farm plot permittees

The Department of Land and Natural Resource agents will be conducting scheduled visits as well as permitting inspections to all Kagman farm plots to determine whether permittees are in compliance with the rules and policies. In order to address issues with violations, DLNR has already begun issuing eviction notices to any permittee engaging in the subleasing or transferring of farm plot(s) to a corporation or partner. This includes the use of the plots to cultivate forbidden substances. Call the DLNR-Division of Agriculture if there are any questions or concerns to this notice at 256-3318/19 or 322-9834. ***(PR)***

Saturday Story Time at AMP

Youth of all ages are invited to join the American Memorial Park on Aug. 26, from 2pm to 3pm for story time. During the hour, read *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* by Eleanor Coerr. Following the reading, everyone will be invited to make paper cranes, just like Sadako did in the story. The paper cranes will be folded and sent to the Children's Peace Memorial in Hiroshima Japan. To learn more about this program or other happenings at the park, contact park ranger Brooke Nevitt at 234-7207 or 2020 or email brooke_nevitt@nps.gov. ***(NPS)***

US Navy releases new input dates

The U.S. Navy will accept public comments about the Training and Testing Supplemental Environmental Impact statement for the Mariana Island Training and Testing area until Sept. 15, 2017. Comments must be postmarked or received online by Sept. 15, 2017, for consideration in the development of the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS. Comments may be submitted online at www.MITT-EIS.com or mail to: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific Attention: MITT Supplemental EIS/OEIS Project Manager, 258 Makapala Drive, Suite 100 Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134. ***(PR)***

VA benefits outreach on Saipan

The U.S. Department of Veterans Benefits Administration will be visiting Saipan on Aug. 31, 2017, and will be conducting a benefits workshop/claims clinic and outreach at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. The workshop/claims clinic will be from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Veterans will also be meeting one-on-one with the benefit counselor from 12:30pm to 3:30pm. Workshop topics include VA benefits, loan guaranty, vocational rehabilitation & employment, death benefits & education benefits. Counselors will be available to answer questions and assist with the claim process. ***(PR)***

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS SERVICES
NMC RFP 17-005

Northern Marianas College is soliciting competitive sealed proposal from qualified firms as an "Independent Auditor" to perform a financial and compliance audit for the College.

Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the **NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, commencing Monday, August 14, 2017, between the hours of 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

Proposal Packages are due no later than 10:00 a.m., September 15, 2017, at Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, Saipan, MP 96950.

For Proposers located outside of the CNMI: you may request a copy of the RFP via fax (670) 235-7601 or email to Anita Camacho (anita.camacho@marianas.edu).

Discussion may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers.

NMC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reasons and/or to waive any defects in any proposals if, in its sole discretion, to do so will be in the best interest of the College. All proposals shall become the property of NMC.

/s/ Anita Camacho
NMC Procurement Manager

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Pro se

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In Re The Matter Of The Petition To Appoint General Guardianship For:	)	FCD GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 17-0338
R.R.J.O.K & H.L.O Minor Child	)	**NOTICE OF HEARING**
By:	)	
Clara T. Ogumoro Petitioners	)	

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on 09/07/2017 at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 205A, before Honorable Judge Kenneth L. Govendo

Dated this 19th day of July, 2017.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court
/s/
By: Deputy Clerk of Court

Military training at W-517, Guam waters

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training at Warning Area 517 (W-517) during the following dates and times:

- Aug. 22, from 8am to 11pm
- Aug. 23, from 5-7pm
- Aug. 24, and 26 from 9am to 6pm
- Aug. 28, from 11am to 7pm
- Aug. 30, from noon to 6pm

The U.S. military will also conduct training in waters around Guam within a 5-mile nautical radius during the following dates and times:

- Aug. 23, from 9am to 6pm
- Aug. 26, from 6am to 6pm

It is recommended the public, fishermen, and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories.

Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank are open for public use. W-517 begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. ***(PR)***

Sichuan Restaurant offers 50-percent local discount on beer

From left, executive chef Chen Hai Song and Imperial Pacific International AVP for Hospitality and Affairs Lucy Guo show ice cold beer and an array of bar food that awaits customers at the Sichuan Restaurant.

BEA CABRERA

After a long day at work, hang out at the Sichuan Restaurant in Garapan, where people can avail of ice-cold beer, delicious food, and an al fresco ambiance that's tough to beat.

"We want people to enjoy our beer and our delicious food prepared and cooked by our executive chef Chan Hai Song. We understand that after a whole day's work, people are tired and they are looking for a place to unwind," said Lucy Guo, assistant vice president for Hospitality & Affairs of Imperial Pacific International CNMI.

Sichuan opened its balcony to customers—a great addition to the color and bustling life of Garapan.

"With our cheap beer and delicious food combination, this is the one that they are looking for," Guo said.

Sichuan Restaurant offers beer at $4 a bottle, with a 50-percent local discount. Happy hour starts at 5pm. From Friday to Saturday, the restaurant is open from 5pm to 3am, while from Sunday to Thursday it is open from 5pm to 1am.

Bar food includes bar chow favorites such as barbecue lamb stick, barbecue beef stick, and barbecue shrimp stick. "We use the meat's natural flavors and add little amount of spices," Guo said.

People can also expect their favorite Chinese dishes such as fried dumplings, fried spring rolls, and fried wanton.

The new additions to the bar chow are the garlic octopus and tuna poke.

"People have requested for that because they are popular dishes on the island," Guo said.

For inquires and reservations, call the Sichuan Restaurant at 233-8301. ***(Bea Cabrera)***

CNMI DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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CDA COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FREE Small Business Development Workshops

Introduction to Financial Statements

Thursday, August 24th, 2017
8:30am — 10:00am
Location: CDA Board Room, 1st Floor, San Jose

Presented by:
David Burger, Certified Public Accountant
Burger Comer Magliari

Mr. Burger is a Certified Public Accountant in the Territory of Guam and in the CNMI, and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Association of Government Accountants and the Guam Society of CPAs.

Mr. Burger has served at all levels on a variety of audit, review, and compilation engagements. These engagements included hotels, wholesalers, retailers, construction companies, banks, credit unions, employee benefit plans, insurance companies, automobile dealers, bakeries, garment manufacturers, non-profit organizations and government agencies. The firm currently conducts over 80 audits annually.

He has also prepared eighteen business valuations and authored the chapter on "Business and Investment Climate" included in "An Economic Study for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands" released in October 1999, along with authoring an update to that study in 2007.

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To prevent temporary suspension, customers are hereby advised to kindly pay their bills on or before **Tuesday, August 22, 2017**. Disputed billings must be brought to IT&E's attention in person or in writing by **Tuesday, August 22, 2017**. Customers must pay any current amount due, to avoid disconnection.

If you have questions regarding billing or services please call Customer Service at 682-4ITE (4483) or visit our Customer Service or Business Sales Center – Middle Rd., Gulao Rai office.

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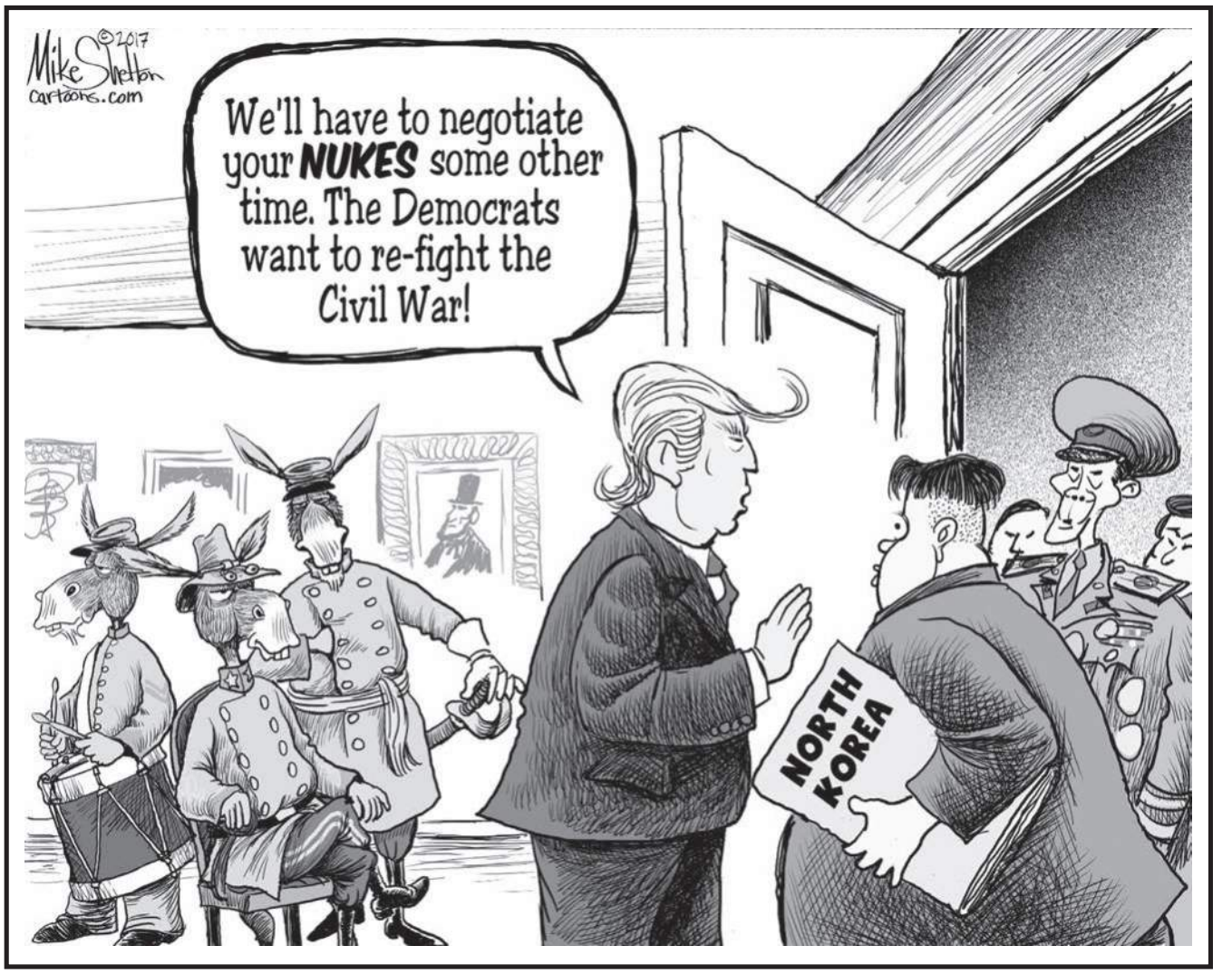
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We'll have to negotiate your NUKES some other time. The Democrats want to re-fight the Civil War!
NORTH KOREA

EDITORIAL

Terror attacks in Spain should be met with a global response

AP

A man looks at flags, messages and candles placed after van attack that killed at least 13, in central Barcelona, Spain, Saturday, Aug. 19, 2017.

Once again, there are flickering candles and flowers left on the streets of one of the world's great cities to mourn terror attack victims. This time, blood has been shed in and near the breathtaking Spanish city of Barcelona, a global tourism magnet known for its striking modernist basilica and vibrant street scene.

At least 14 people were killed when ordinary vehicles became weapons on Thursday and early Friday and mowed down people in two locations. One assault took place on the crowded sidewalks of a popular promenade in the heart of Barcelona. The other happened in Cambrils, a smaller city on the Mediterranean coast about 60 miles away. Thoughts and prayers from around the world are still a necessary balm for grieving families and a wounded nation. May we never grow so accustomed to ongoing terror attacks that we halfheartedly mourn innocent lives lost and fail to pause to denounce their murderers.

These words, however, must be accompanied by deeper determination to thwart extremists of all ideologies. Initial reports indicate that the Barcelona attacks were planned by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria and carried out by multiple people. This distinguishes it from a so-called "lone wolf" attack by someone with more tenuous ties to terrorism. The Barcelona attack's scope and coordination suggests that the Islamic State still has enough organizational resources to execute its hellish ambitions.

International cooperation is critical to track down the perpetrators and prevent another tragedy. Other nations have long been partners in the fight against terror. President Donald Trump should strongly signal the world that he values this collaboration and will seek to wield the world's

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Conservatives are not rooting for racists to win

By CHRISTINE M. FLOWERS
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Aren't you tired of pretending that you understand the pain of the person who just called you a fascist bigot?

Haven't you had enough of those "Kumbaya" moments where you "agree to disagree," which is code for "F-U, leave me alone, I want to go eat my dinner."

I know that I'm supposed to write some kind of solemn, wise dissertation this week on how we need to move forward, bond together and follow the better angels of our nature out of this national nightmare.

But honestly, I don't want to. I'm exhausted from all of the heavy moral lifting I've been forced to do, defending the indefensible and realizing that tolerance is not exactly a two way street (or if it is, the other side is always under construction and you get a ticket if you try to make a detour).

I know I speak for the vast, overwhelming majority of Americans when I say that we despise white supremacists, the Westboro Baptists, neo-Nazis, David Duke, the KKK, anti-Semites, anti-Catholics (thought I'd try and slip that one in there, so humor me) and all the other sub-humans who exploit the First Amendment and their birthright as citizens to terrorize decent people with their poison. Anyone who doesn't have a problem with them is a sick mongrel, like the guy who keeps emailing to tell me that the Holocaust never happened. I have to take a shower every time I accidentally click on one of his missives. There is no excuse for marching through a town and screaming about taking back the country. It's terrorism, with QVC-issue torches.

Contrary to what the folks on the left would have you believe, conservatives are not rooting for the racists to win. It's a little offensive to even have to put that thought into actual words, but I've read far too many Facebook posts and tweets this week blaming everyone to the right of Mao for the death of Heather Heyer in Charlottesville, Va. It's pretty disgusting to exploit a death for political benefit.

But these folks are clever. They hide their opportunism behind somber concern for the tragic turn our country has taken, under the leadership of Donald Trump. They say all of the right things about human dignity and moral leadership and empathy. They say that people who either voted for Trump, or who haven't used strong enough words to condemn him, are lost causes. They are so disappointed.

I can only speak for myself, but I've begun to notice that those who preach tolerance have taken lessons at the Mao Tse-tung School of Social Engagement. If you did not come out quickly enough against the violence in Charlottesville, you were taken before the social media star chamber and charged with moral treason. Then, if you failed to admit your guilt, you were sent to a re-education camp until you figured out how to satisfy the tolerance Stasi that you actually had a soul.

If it weren't so tragic, it would be hilarious.

But it was tragic, because it was so clearly a bit of political agitprop spun around the very real horror of three deaths. Three human beings were killed last weekend because of white racists, and their deaths were used as weapons against philosophical opponents.

Let's be clear: Trump was wrong to try to create some moral equivalency between the white supremacists in Virginia and the counter-protesters who came to shout them down. There were no "good people" on the side of the torch-bearers. There was no "virtue" in those twisted faces illuminated in the devil's glow. My father saw that same glow in Mississippi in 1967, and it is evil and will swallow all that is good in us if we equivocate. The president did not say the right things and did not give comfort to the oppressed.

But that is not his job. Anyone who looks to a political leader for his moral true north is a fool, and there were many fools around last weekend. Trump could never be anyone's hero. He didn't run on that platform, and the people who voted for him didn't care. He is, if anything, a false prophet to those who thought he'd bring back jobs and fix their health care woes.

But that is not enough for the left. They want to dehumanize their political opponents, the same way they believe Trump dehumanized Mexicans, women, Muslims, transgender and all the other charter members of the Identity Politics Club. Conflating conservatives with the marchers in Charlottesville was a good start.

Three people died last weekend, and they died because some disgusting pieces of white trash invaded their city and triggered mayhem. They lit the fuse, and they alone are responsible for the conflagration.

But I'll be damned if I let them burn the rest of us at the stake.

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Protesters on both sides behaved badly in Charlottesville

AP

A counter demonstrator uses a lighted spray can against a white nationalist demonstrator at the entrance to Lee Park in Charlottesville, Va., Saturday, Aug. 12, 2017.

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"I think there is blame on both sides, and I have no doubt about it," President Donald Trump said about the violence at the Unite the Right rally last week in Charlottesville, Va. The statement has been roundly denounced by Democrats and Republicans alike. Still, Trump's words have some truth that we cannot simply wish away, and a broader context provides more clarity on where the president is right, and where he is not.

First, a recap of the events: Far-right groups—those who identify as white supremacists, neo-Nazis, Ku Klux Klan members, alt-right supporters and many others—gathered in Charlottesville, Va., on Friday and Saturday to protest the removal of a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee. As is typical at such events, counter-protesters gathered. The confrontation grew violent.

Such violence had occurred at previous rallies. What made what transpired in Charlottesville uniquely horrible was the act of a man with apparent neo-Nazi beliefs who rammed his car into a crowd of counter-protesters, killing one person and injuring 19 others. U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions decried the incident as an act of domestic terrorism.

Immediately after the events of Saturday, Trump made a statement blaming the "violence on many sides." Politicians from both parties widely condemned Trump for his lack of directness about who was to blame for the violence. Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, tweeted: "We should call evil by its name. My brother didn't give his life fighting Hitler for Nazi ideas to go unchallenged here at home." Another Republican, Sen. Cory Gardner of Colorado, tweeted similar sentiments: "Mr. President—we must call evil by its name. These were white supremacists, and this was domestic terrorism."

Two days later, Trump changed his stance, echoing the language used by Hatch and Gardner: "Racism is evil and those who cause violence in its name are criminals and thugs, including the KKK, neo-Nazis and white supremacists." However, to the consternation of his staff, Trump reversed course the following day, saying, "You had a group on one side that was bad, and you had a group on the other side that was also very violent." Again, Trump drew criticism from prominent Republicans, including U.S. Rep. Steve Stivers of Ohio, the chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee. He tweeted: "I don't understand what's so hard about this. White supremacists and Neo-Nazis are evil and shouldn't be defended."

Is such criticism justified? After all, we know that it wasn't only the far-right protesters who came armed with guns, sticks, shields, helmets and torches. Some counter-protesters had sticks, helmets and shields. Clearly, people on both sides were prepared for violence. A large majority of counter-protesters marched peacefully, but some came from the antifa movement. Antifa refers to anti-fascism, and many antifa members endorse violent tactics to oppose extreme conservative ideologies, known as Nazi punching. Indeed, video evidence and firsthand accounts of the events in Charlottesville demonstrate both sides participated in the violence.

So while we may vehemently disagree with white nationalism, racism and neo-Nazism—all of which I find reprehensible—we need to acknowledge that both sides were at fault. Trump is right about that much.

Where Trump is wrong is in his failure to strongly condemn the act of domestic terrorism, both in his initial remarks and in his backtracking three days later. Clashes between far-right supporters and antifa members happen with unfortunate regularity. Such clashes are deplorable, as violence has no place in our political system. One of our country's founding principles, freedom of speech, is epitomized by the phrase, "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

Protesters from both sides crossed the line in Charlottesville, and they deserve proportionate criticism and punishment. Commentators who fail to acknowledge this will lose credibility from those who care about the facts, as opposed to just scoring political points. Of course, the most egregious act came from the neo-Nazi supporter who rammed his car into the crowd. In an ideal world—one in which commentators both aim to speak the truth and prevent future violence—their remarks would proportionately criticize both sides while placing the brunt of censure on the terrorist act.

Through emails and tweets, you can make a difference by challenging commentators to take the Pro-Truth Pledge to commit to truth in their commentary. You can also take the pledge to show your own commitment to truth above party politics.

TERROR

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resources to pursue justice. While a tweet would be helpful, this message would resonate far more strongly if Trump employed a more traditional presidential communications strategy.

The terror attacks in Spain follow last weekend's violence in Charlottesville, Va., spurred by right-wing extremists. The run of such tragic events may tempt some to tune out the news. Don't succumb to this. The Charlottesville attack drove home that terror flourishes within our borders as well as in faraway deserts. Every American shares the responsibility to work peacefully to stop it.

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LITERARY NOOK

Entrumplemeant tantrums and leakers

By JOSEPH 'PEPE BATBON' CONNELY
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Since retiring from teaching three years ago this month I've been studying quantum mechanics theory and attempts by some particle physicists to blend it with the theory of relativity. This morning while reading about "entanglement" and "wave function" representing reality, my mind lit up and out came "Entrumplement via Entanglement" and a few other leaks.

Entrumplemeant via Entanglement

what then are the ways Donald Trump's mind works
quantum mechanics has "wave function" entanglement
"many worlds" interpretation helps learn of his quirks
observing increasing derangement and estrangement
even some WH staffers call him the "2 Minute Man"
all of our particles become entangled in "decoherence"
the seeming inability to focus on a single idea or plan
put 45's daily reality checks in constant incoherence
he Tweets and rants early mornings on a regular basis
of most Tweets we seldom have a finished understanding
his ability to lead and speak nationally remains in stasis
putting up with his petulance is increasingly demanding
what do we find at this entangled Entrumplemeant junction
Donald Trump seems to be riding a rogue wave function

Leakers Speakers and Sneakers

history is filled with well kept secrets revealed
children tell on best friends to get out of trouble
lovers regret telling others all before a break up
seems that lies and secrets incrementally double
whether big lies bad news or just petty gossip
someone or some group winds up getting hurt
when the secrets are leaked the truth found out
while others not involved relish hearing the dirt
Washington DC seems to be leaking like a sieve
Trump complains of leakers on line and android
news outlets and talk shows await the next to give
45 looks around getting more and more paranoid
watch for a microphone implanted in arm or sneakers
as speakers get betrayed by friends and enemy leakers

Devil Be Damned

Trump tantrum demand
his frustration fanned
by narcissistic gland
Tweeter in his hand
isolated in tower island
on a cloud in cyber land
45 makes a petulant stand
'only' he can understand
waves no loyalty wand
he's sinking in the sand
Bannon's been banned
booted out and canned
for a long time planned
his position unmanned

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 5 to 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy. Isolated showers.	Partly cloudy. Isolated showers.	Partly cloudy. Isolated showers.
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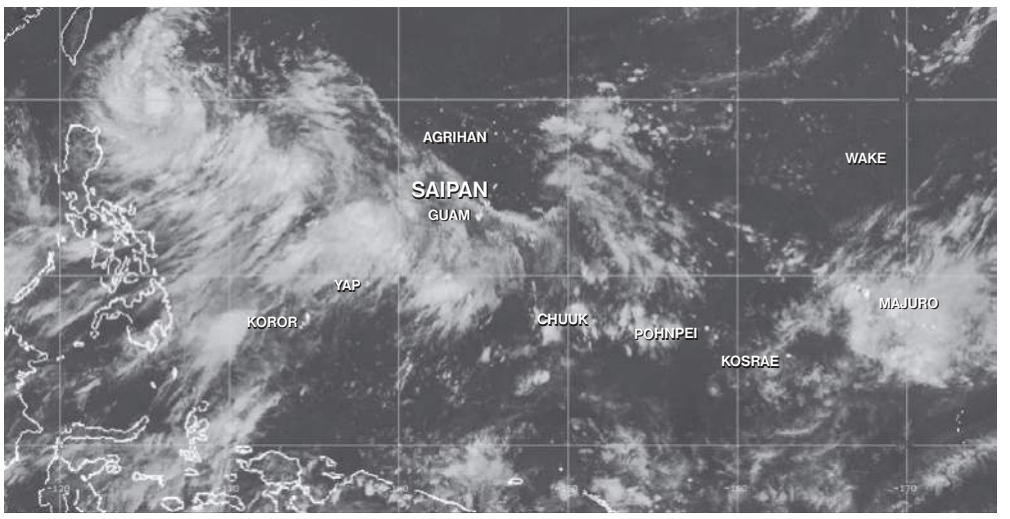
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 5:45 AM, SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough remains to the west of the Marianas this morning and should continue to move further away today. However there is still enough moisture and instability around to trigger isolated showers and thunderstorms. Moisture should decrease somewhat tonight and current thinking is that may be enough to lose the thunder threat. Another surface trough and upper low will approach during Monday and Tuesday for more thunder. Yesterday, guidance indicated the best thunder chances were Monday. Now some guidance is suggesting it could be Tuesday. FOr now, have not made any changes to the forecast and will wait to see what later guidance brings. Seas continue to be fairly quite, with heights generally 3 feet or less and swell 3 to 5 feet on east facing reefs, less in other areas.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorms	84° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorms	86° / 80°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	87° / 79°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	87° / 76°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	87° / 76°
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	86° / 80°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Showers	57° / 46°
Beijing	Rain	84° / 72°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	93° / 82°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	88° / 77°
London	Partly Cloudy	68° / 54°
Los Angeles	Sunny	76° / 64°
Manila	Thunderstorms	88° / 81°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	57° / 43°
Miami	Mostly Sunny	88° / 82°
New York	Mostly Sunny	85° / 73°
Osaka	Thunderstorms	90° / 79°
Paris	Sunny	81° / 57°
Busan	Thunderstorms	84° / 75°
Rome	Sunny	90° / 64°
Salem	Mostly Sunny	88° / 74°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	65° / 57°
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	84° / 73°
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	86° / 75°
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	88° / 75°

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- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
1:03 AM	HIGH TIDE	0.98
6:16 AM	LOW TIDE	2.02
1:28 PM	HIGH TIDE	-0.39
8:10 PM	LOW TIDE	1.97

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:03 AM	6:36 PM
Tuesday	6:03 AM	6:36 PM
Wednesday	6:03 AM	6:35 PM
Thursday	6:03 AM	6:34 PM
Friday	6:03 AM	6:34 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	5:12 AM	6:12 PM	-
Tuesday	6:11 AM	7:01 PM	-
Wednesday	7:08 AM	7:47 PM	-
Thursday	8:02 AM	8:30 PM	-
Friday	8:55 AM	9:12 PM	-

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	1:35am	5:20am	2, 3, 4
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
TW308	2:35am	6:20am	6, 7
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	4:45am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 7
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily
ZE582	4:45pm	8:35pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	5:20am	8:00am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:00am	10:25am	1
JD396	4:50pm	8:15pm	4

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:15pm	7:00pm	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:00am	1, 2, 4, 6via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	3, 5, 7 via GUM
PR1572	4:40am	6:45am	1, 4
UA6391/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	10:40pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA6390/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA6390/193	2:20pm	10:40pm	2 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:40am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UO43	4:40am	8:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA6391/159	1:30pm	9:50pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA6390/159	2:20pm	9:50pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
ZE583	10:05am	3:35pm	2, 4, 6, 7
ZE581	10:10am	3:55pm	Daily
TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1, 2, 3
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
TW307	8:05pm	1:35am+1	5, 6
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
LJ651	10:00pm	3:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:10am	3:30pm	4
JD395	10:05pm	5:30am+1	7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:20am	2:50pm	Daily

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR1571	9:20pm	3:40am+1	3, 7
UA192/6395	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/6395	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
PR110/UA6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA184/6395	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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UO424:50pm	12:05am+1		2, 6
HX076	5:20pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:05pm	1:10am+1	1
UO42	6:10pm	1:00am+1	3
UO42	6:10pm	1:10am+1	4
UO42	6:40pm	2:00am+1	7
UA116/6395	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, ZE Eastar Jet, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The* Saipan Tribune *is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
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34th Agricultural Fair

Imperial Pacific International Ltd. sets up a game station for children for the 34th Agricultural Fair last Saturday.
KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

Families gather around chicken coops during the 34th Agricultural Fair last Saturday.
KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

Many individuals gather around the livestock cages during the 34th Agricultural Fair last Saturday.
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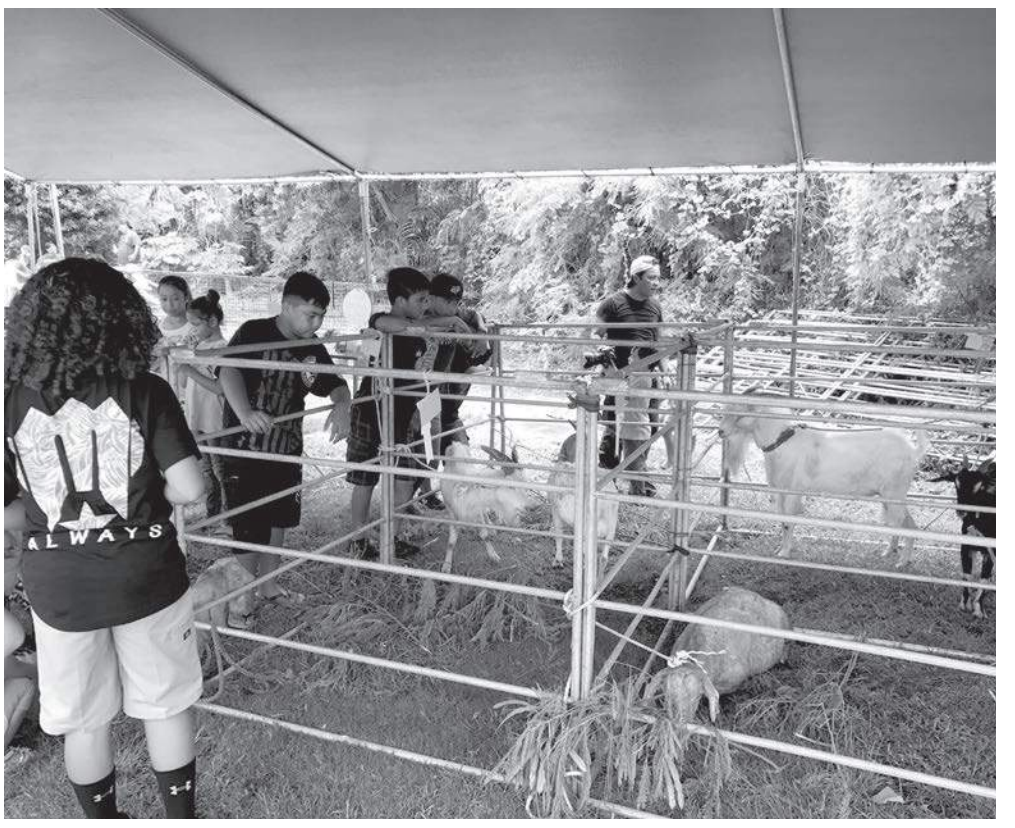

Children gather around the goat cages during the 34th Agricultural Fair last Saturday.
KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

An individual admires the locally grown produce that was showcased at the 34th Agricultural fair last Saturday.
KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

Many individuals gathered at the Garapan Fishing Base last Saturday to enjoy the company of others, admire the crops, ornamentals, and livestock, and to enjoy the entertainment provided during the 34th Agricultural Fair.
KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

IPI, DLNR tie up for Agriculture Fair

All roads led to the Garapan Fishing Base over the weekend for the staging of this year's Agricultural Fair.

Imperial Pacific International's Corporate Social Responsibility partnered with the CNMI Department of Lands and Natural Resources' Division of Agriculture for the successful staging of the event.

IPI-CSR took the lead in preparing for the venue's setup and also donated additional manpower and financial resources for yet another successful event that on Saturday. ***(PR)***

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Imperial Pacific–CSR staff assists the animal division.

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IPI-CSR hosts a free Art Café for Kids at this year's Agricultural Fair.

IPI-CSR staff joins 2017 Agricultural Fair chair Eli Cabrera and his family, who are receiving a free foxtail plant, courtesy of CSR's 1,000-tree project.

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IPI-CSR personnel volunteer as judges in the ornamental division.

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DLNR and IPI-CSR personnel assist the committee and owners with moving the animals into their designated corrals.

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IPI-CSR staff Mike Iguel and DLNR staff securing the cattle in their pens.

Volunteer-judges in the ornamental division.

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IPI-CSR staff assists the 2017 Agricultural Fair committee with the setup before the big day.

Business

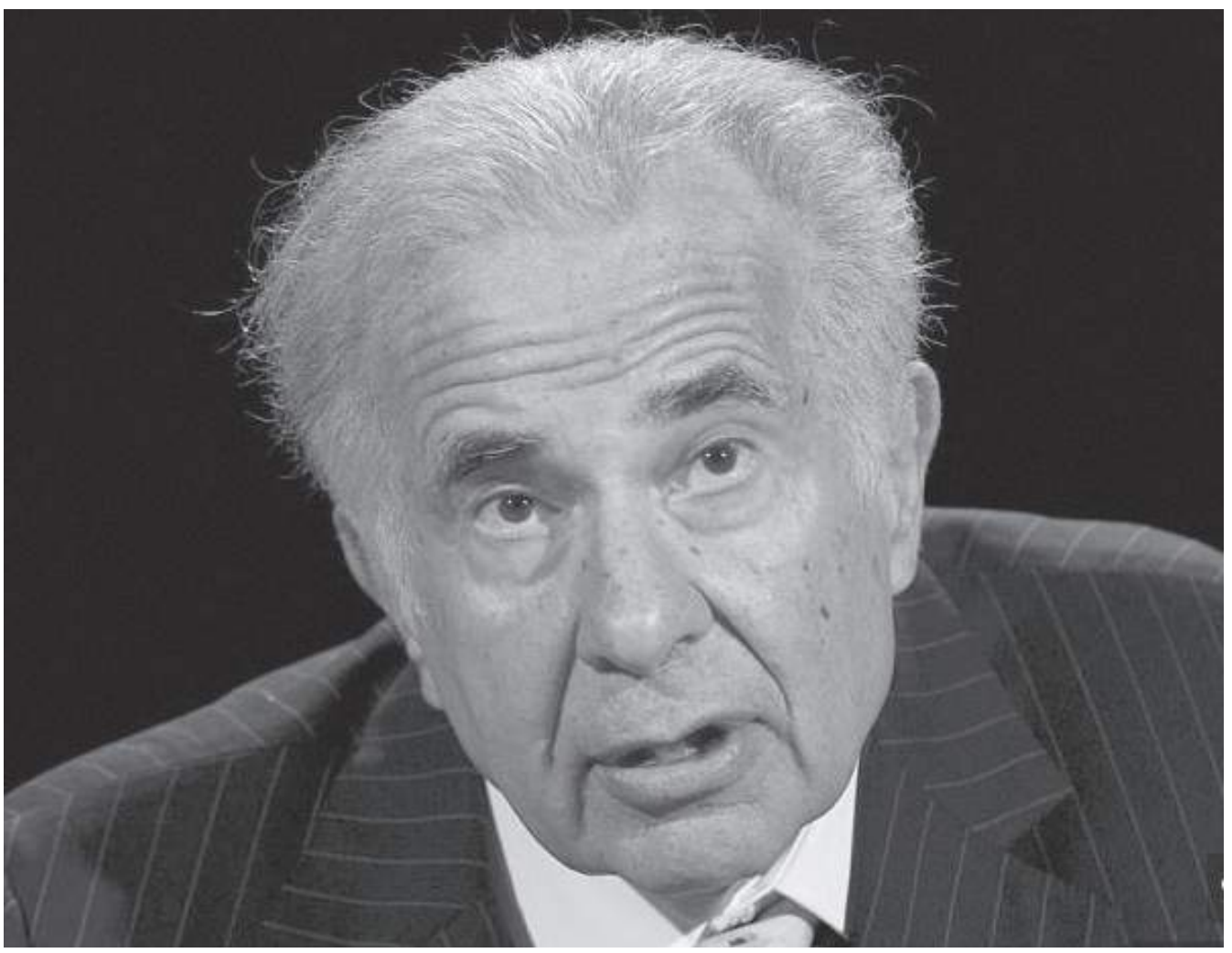
Trump adviser resigned ahead of negative magazine story

WASHINGTON (AP)—Billionaire investor Carl Icahn, who resigned Friday from an unpaid post as President Donald Trump's adviser on deregulation efforts, stepped down as The New Yorker was preparing to publish a lengthy article detailing Icahn's potential conflicts of interest and questioning the legality of his actions.

Icahn said in a letter to Trump released Friday that he would resign to prevent "partisan bickering" about his role that Democrats suggested could benefit him financially.

The resignation came just three days before The New Yorker was scheduled to post its story online and begin selling printed magazines on newsstands. In the story, the magazine points out potential conflicts and even possible criminal law violations involving obscure rules that require oil refineries to blend ethanol into gasoline.

In his letter, Icahn wrote that he "never had access to nonpublic information or profited from my position, nor do I believe that my role presented conflicts of interest."



AP

Carl Icahn drops out as informal adviser on deregulation council after potential conflicts of interest issues arise.

But The New Yorker wrote that in 2012, Icahn, who made his name and fortune as a corporate raider, bought an 82 percent stake in CVR Energy, a Sugar Land, Texas, refinery. To comply with regulations designed to promote use of ethanol, refiners must blend the renewable fuel with their gasoline or buy credits from other refiners that are called "Renewable Identification Numbers."

When Icahn bought his stake in CVR in 2012, the credits were cheap, about 5 cents each, so rather than equip refineries to add ethanol to its gas, the company just purchased credits. But by 2016 CVR was spending $200 million per year to buy them, and its stock value had dropped 70 percent from the prior year, the story said.

Icahn unsuccessfully tried to get the Obama administration's Environmental Protection Agency to change the point at which the ethanol blending was required, making it closer to the gas pump so refiners weren't responsible and CVR wouldn't have to buy the credits, the magazine wrote.

Several weeks after Trump's November victory, Icahn agreed to become special adviser to the president on regulatory reform, and CVR's stock nearly doubled in value on the expectation that the renewable fuels rule would be changed, the magazine wrote.

On Dec. 22, the day after Icahn was formally declared a White House adviser, the price of the credits dropped. Then, on Feb. 27, news leaked that Icahn had struck a deal with the Renewable Fuels Association to change the ethanol blending requirement. That sent the price of credits down more, and it fell further when word leaked that an executive order on ethanol blending was imminent.

Previously the Renewable Fuels Association had opposed any changes, the magazine said. The association's head later said he was told by Icahn that the blending point would be changed whether the association objected or not, so he agreed to take a deal to his board.

Early in the year, CVR actually was selling renewable fuel credits, the magazine wrote. It was able to buy them later at a discount to meet federal requirements, according to the story.

A day after news of the deal with the Renewable Fuels Association, the White House denied there was any plan to change the renewable fuel requirements, and no such change was made, according to the magazine.

Icahn's attorney, Jesse Lynn, rejected allegations that Icahn exploited his relationship with Trump to make bets on the renewable fuel credits. He said the CVR board, which Icahn chairs, made decisions on when buy or sell credits. "Any suggestion that we had access to information that others didn't is unequivocally false," he told the magazine.

Richard Painter, a former chief White House ethics lawyer to President George W. Bush, told the magazine that a federal law makes it illegal for executive-branch employees to work on matters in which they have a financial interest. Lynn said the law doesn't apply to Icahn because he had no official role or duty. But Painter said Icahn's title was clearly an official one. He suggested the Justice Department should be investigating.

Painter, reached Saturday by The Associated Press, said Icahn faces potential legal exposure to insider trading laws as well as other fraud statutes "if he took information from the White House or government in violation of any relationship or trust."

Despite being unpaid, his job title as adviser to the president exposes him to possible legal action, Painter said. "When you have a title like that, that's 'to the president,' it's very hard to argue that you're not a government employee," Painter said.

A spokeswoman for CVR Energy would not comment when reached Saturday by The AP.

Fox's James Murdoch slams Trump's Charlottesville response

NEW YORK (AP)—The CEO of 21st Century Fox denounced racism and terrorists while expressing concern over President Donald Trump's reaction to the deadly violence surrounding a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Murdoch

James Murdoch also told friends in a personal email that he and his wife, Kathryn, will donate $1 million to the Anti-Defamation League.

Murdoch writes that the events in Charlottesville last weekend and Trump's response "concern all of us as Americans and free people."

"I can't even believe I have to write this: standing up to Nazis is essential; there are no good Nazis. Or Klansmen, or terrorists," Murdoch added. "Democrats, Republicans, and others must all agree on this, and it compromises nothing for them to do so."

Trump has put the blame for the violence on both white nationalists and those protesting the gathering last weekend, saying there were "very fine people" on both sides.

Murdoch is the son of 21st Century Fox's co-executive chairman, Rupert Murdoch, a Trump ally who The New York Times reported recently dined with the president at the White House. The company is the corporate parent of Fox News Channel, which has given friendly coverage to the president.

The email was first reported by the Times Thursday.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Report of Ukraine witness to DNC hacking stirs confusion

PARIS (AP)—A report that a cooperating witness has emerged out of Ukraine to help the FBI's inquiry into the 2016 hacking of the Democratic National Committee is drawing confusion and denials in Ukraine. A front-page story published by The New York Times says a malware author linked to the hacking of the DNC's servers had turned himself in and was cooperating with authorities, citing Ukraine's Cyberpolice. But Ukraine's Cyberpolice said Saturday the unnamed individual had no established links to hacking and that it isn't clear that the man is even a malware author. The Times' story has since been revised to eliminate the reference to a DNC link. A Ukrainian lawmaker has been quoted as saying that the Times misidentified the hacker entirely.

China to limit overseas investments in real estate, sports

BEIJING (AP)—China's government is moving to curb domestic companies' investments abroad in property, sports, entertainment and other fields, following a series of high-profile, multi-billion-dollar acquisitions by Chinese firms. A document released Friday by the State Council, China's Cabinet, was the latest move by regulators to tap the brakes on a string of foreign acquisitions, citing concerns that the companies involved may be taking on too much debt. One of those conglomerates, Wanda Group, became the world's biggest cinema operator with its purchase of a majority stake in U.S. chain AMC in 2012 for $2.6 billion. It added rival Carmike Cinemas Inc. last year in a $1.2 billion deal and also bought film production house Legendary Entertainment for $3.5 billion. The Cabinet document limits overseas investments in areas such as hotels, cinemas, the entertainment industry, real estate and sports clubs. It also bans outright investments in enterprises related to gambling and the sex industry.

Mexico: 1 dead, 5 hurt in blast at illegal fuel pipeline tap

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Mexican authorities say an explosion at an illegal fuel pipeline tap has killed a person and injured five more in the Gulf coast state of Veracruz. The state Civil Protection agency reports via Twitter that people were treated for burns from the blast near the town of Zapoapan. Veracruz's Public Safety Department published photos showing a thick column of smoke rising from an agricultural field and some charred vehicles. State-run oil company Petroleos Mexicanos said Saturday's explosion was "caused by an illegal tap" and had been extinguished. Fuel theft is a growing form of organized crime in Mexico estimated to cost the country about $1 billion a year. Recently there have been a number of explosions at illegal taps as well as deadly clashes involving fuel thieves and security forces.

Nation

Massive counterprotest upstages Boston 'free speech rally'

BOSTON (AP)—Thousands of demonstrators chanting anti-Nazi slogans in a public rejection of white nationalism upstaged a small group in Boston that planned a "free speech rally" a week after a violent clash rocked Virginia and reverberated across the U.S.

Counterprotesters marched through the city on Saturday to historic Boston Common, where conservatives had planned to deliver a series of speeches but soon left. Police vans later escorted the conservatives out of the area, as boisterous counterprotesters scuffled with police.

Organizers of the event, the Boston Free Speech Coalition, had publicly distanced themselves from the neo-Nazis, white supremacists and others who fomented violence in Charlottesville on Aug. 12. A woman was killed at that Unite the Right rally, and many others were injured, when a car plowed into counterdemonstrators.

Opponents feared that white nationalists might show up in Boston anyway, and turned out in force, some dressed entirely in black with bandannas over their faces. Officials said the rallies—the largest of about a half dozen around the country on Saturday—drew about 40,000 people.

Counterprotesters chanted slogans, and waved signs that said: "Make Nazis Afraid Again," ''Love your neighbor," ''Resist fascism" and "Hate never made U.S. great."

AP

A counterprotester holds a photo of Heather Heyer on Boston Common at a "Free Speech" rally organized by conservative activists, Saturday, Aug. 19, 2017, in Boston.

Others carried a large banner that read: "SMASH WHITE SUPREMACY."

Chris Hood, a free speech rally attendee from Dorchester, said people were unfairly making it seem like the rally was going to be "a white supremacist Klan rally."

"That was never the intention," he said. "We've only come here to promote free speech on college campuses, free speech on social media for conservative, right-wing speakers. And we have no intention of violence."

One of the planned speakers of the conservative activist rally said the event "fell apart."

Congressional candidate Samson Racioppi, who was among several slated to speak, told WCVB-TV that he didn't realize "how unplanned of an event it was going to be."

Rockeem Robinson, a youth counselor from Cambridge, said he joined the counterprotest to "show support for the black community and for all minority communities."

Members of the Black Lives Matter movement held a protest on the Common, where a Confederate flag was burned and protesters pounded on the sides of a police vehicle.

Boston Commissioner William Evans said 33 arrests had been made by Saturday night— mostly for disorderly conduct while some were for assaulting police officers.

The police department tweeted Saturday afternoon that some protesters were throwing bottles, urine and rocks at them.

President Donald Trump applauded the people in Boston who he said were "speaking out" against bigotry and hate. Trump added in a Twitter message that "Our country will soon come together as one!"

Saturday's showdown in Boston was mostly peaceable, and after demonstrators dispersed, a picnic atmosphere took over with stragglers tossing beach balls, banging on bongo drums and playing reggae music.

Rallies in other cities around the country, while smaller, also were forceful.

Counterprotesters marched through New Orleans, some of them carrying signs that read "White People Against White Supremacy" and "Black Lives Matter." And in Atlanta, a diverse crowd marched from the city's downtown to the home of the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

GOP doubts and anxieties about Trump burst into the open

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump's racially fraught comments about a deadly neo-Nazi rally have thrust into the open some Republicans' deeply held doubts about his competency and temperament, in an extraordinary public airing of worries and grievances about a sitting president by his own party.

Behind the high-profile denunciations voiced this week by GOP senators once considered Trump allies, scores of other, influential Republicans began to express grave concerns about the state of the Trump presidency. In interviews with Associated Press reporters across nine states, 25 Republican politicians, party officials, advisers and donors expressed worries about whether Trump has the self-discipline and capability to govern successfully.

Eric Cantor, the former House majority leader from Virginia, said Republicans signaled this week that Trump's handling of the Charlottesville protests was "beyond just a distraction."

"It was a turning point in terms of Republicans being able to say, we're not even going to get close to that," Cantor said.

Chip Lake, a Georgia-based GOP operative who did not vote for Trump in the general election, raised the prospect of the president leaving office before his term is up.

"It's impossible to see a scenario under which this is sustainable under a four-year period," Lake said.

Trump's handling of the protests in Charlottesville, Virginia, has shaken his presidency unlike any of the other self-created crises that have rattled the White House during his seven months in office. Business leaders have bolted from White House councils, wary of being associated with the president. Military leaders distanced themselves from Trump's assertion that "both sides"—the white supremacists and the counter-protesters—were to blame for the violence that left one protester dead. And some members of Trump's own staff were outraged by his combative assertion that there were "very fine people" among those marching with the white supremacists, neo-Nazis and KKK members.

Importantly, the Republicans interviewed did not line up behind some course of action or an organized break with the president. Some expressed hope the recent shakeup of White House advisers might help Trump get back in control of his message and the GOP agenda.

Still, the blistering and blunt statements from some Republicans have marked a new phase. Until now, the party has largely kept its most troubling doubts about Trump to whispered, private conversations, fearful of alienating the president's loyal supporters and upending long-sought GOP policy goals.

Duke University removes damaged Robert E. Lee statue

DURHAM, N.C. (AP)—Duke University removed a statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee early Saturday after it was vandalized amid a national debate about monuments to the Confederacy.

The university said it removed the carved limestone likeness before dawn from the entryway to Duke Chapel, where it stood among 10 historical figures. Officials discovered early Thursday that the statue's face had been gouged and scarred and that part of the nose is missing.

Another statue of Lee, the top Confederate general during the Civil War, was the focus of the violent protest in Charlottesville, Virginia, that turned deadly a week ago.

Duke University president Vincent Price said in a letter to the campus community that he consulted with faculty, staff, students and alumni before deciding to remove the statue.

"I took this course of action to protect Duke Chapel, to ensure the vital safety of students and community members who worship there, and above all to express the deep and abiding values of our university," Price said in the letter.

Durham has been a focal point in the debate over Confederate statues after protesters tore down a bronze Confederate soldier in front of a government building downtown on Monday. Eight people face charges including rioting and damaging property. Days later, hundreds marched through Durham in a largely peaceful demonstration against racism before an impromptu rally at the stone pedestal where the statue stood.

Other monuments around North Carolina also have been vandalized since the Charlottesville protest, and calls are growing to take down a Confederate soldier statue from the campus of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

Gov. Roy Cooper has urged the removal of Confederate monuments from public property around the state, though his goal would be difficult to achieve because of a 2015 state law prohibiting their removal. Duke is a private university and outside the scope of that law.

The Lee statue had stood for about 85 years between two other historical figures of the American South, Thomas Jefferson and poet Sidney Lanier, along the main entryway to the neo-Gothic church at the center of Duke's campus. It was moved into storage at 3 a.m. Saturday and its future is undetermined, university spokesman Michael Schoenfeld told the Herald-Sun of Durham.

"We want people to learn from it and study it and the ideas it represents. What happens to it and where it will be is a question for further deliberation," Schoenfeld said. The decision was supported by the university's trustees, Schoenfeld said.

Duke has been affiliated since its founding with the United Methodist Church. Luke Powery, dean of Duke Chapel, said Saturday he sees the empty space formerly occupied by the Lee statue as creating a new opportunity to heal the ongoing racism problems confronting the country.

The gap "in many ways represents a hole in the heart of the United States and the ongoing struggles of racism, hatred and bigotry - all the things we're seeing in our streets. We haven't come as far as perhaps we thought we had come as a nation," Powery said.

Asia

A look at US-S. Korea war games

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—America's annual joint military exercises with South Korea always frustrate North Korea. The war games set to begin Monday may hold more potential to provoke than ever, given President Donald Trump's "fire and fury" threats and Pyongyang's as-yet-unpursued plan to launch missiles close to Guam.

Will the allies keep it low-key, or focus on projecting strength? An examination of this year's drills and how the North might respond to them:

THE WAR GAMES

The Ulchi Freedom Guardian drills, which will run through Aug. 31, will be the first large-scale military exercise between the allies since North Korea successfully flight-tested two intercontinental ballistic missiles in July and threatened to bracket Guam with intermediate range ballistic missile fire earlier this month.

Despite some calls to postpone or drastically modify drills to ease the hostility on the Korean Peninsula, U.S. and South Korean military officials say that the long-scheduled exercises will go ahead as planned.

The drills, which began in the 1970s and will involve 17,500 American troops and 50,000 South Korean soldiers this year, consist mainly of computer simulations aimed at honing joint-decision making and planning and improving command operations.

About 25,000 U.S. service members joined last year's UFG drills. An official from U.S. Forces Korea, who didn't want to be named citing office rules, said that the number of participating American troops can marginally change depending on how training events are designed and that the lower number this year doesn't represent an effort to downsize the drills.

The United States and South Korea also hold larger war games in the spring, called Key Resolve and Foal Eagle, which involve live-fire exercises and training with tanks, aircraft and warships.

There's media speculation that the allies might try to keep this year's drills low-key by not dispatching long-range bombers and other U.S. strategic assets to the region. But that possibility worries some, who say it would send the wrong message to both North Korea and the South, where there are fears that the North's advancing nuclear capabilities may eventually undermine a decades-long alliance with the United States.

"If anything, the joint exercises must be strengthened," Cheon Seongwhun, who served as a national security adviser to former conservative South Korean President Park Geun-hye, said in an interview.

Impoverished North Korea hates the drills in part because it must frequently respond with its own expensive displays of military might.

During last year's drills, the North successfully test-fired for the first time a submarine-launched ballistic missile ruler Kim Jong Un then praised as the "success of all successes." Shortly after the drills, the North carried out its fifth and biggest nuclear test, which it claimed was of a "standardized" warhead that could fit on a variety of its rockets.

During this year's war games in March, North Korea launched four extended-range Scud missiles into the sea in what it described as a rehearsal for striking U.S. military bases in Japan.

MISSILE THREATS

It's almost certain that this year's drills will trigger some kind of reaction from North Korea. The question is how strong it will be.

Some experts say North Korea is mainly focused on the bigger picture of testing its bargaining power against the United States with its new long-range missiles and likely has no interest in letting things get too tense during the drills.

If this is right, expect the usual propaganda belligerence in state media or low-level provocations like artillery and short-range missile drills. Or perhaps the North could conduct its first submarine-launched ballistic missile test since last August, which, if successful, would allow it to demonstrate serious military capability without posing an immediate direct threat to the United States.

"North Korea has already flight-tested ICBMs twice this year and will probably take a wait-and-see approach to assess the impact of stronger pressure from the United States and China and maybe even seek an opportunity for talks, rather than quickly move forward with another test," said Moon Seong Mook, a former South Korean military official and current senior analyst for the Seoul-based Korea Research Institute for National Strategy.

But others think the North might use the drills as an excuse to conduct another ICBM test or maybe even act on its threat to lob missiles into the waters near Guam.

"North Korea is probably looking at all the cards it has to maximize pressure against the United States, and the drills provide a good opportunity to do it," Cheon said.

WORRIES ABOUT THE FUTURE

There are calls in both the United States and South Korea for the allies to pause or downsize the joint military exercises to reduce strain and potentially persuade North Korea into talks to freeze its nuclear program.

David Wright, a U.S. analyst from the Union of Concerned Scientists, said in an emailed statement that the United States should "postpone or significantly restructure" the exercises to reduce the risk of military confrontation.

"Smart military planning means ensuring that exercises do not enflame an already tense situation," Wright said.

South Korea's Kyunghyang Shinmun newspaper said in an Aug. 11 editorial that the allies could gain a bargaining chip in efforts to persuade the North into meaningful nuclear talks by halting or scaling down the joint drills.

"The U.S.-South Korean drills aren't a sacred realm," the newspaper said, referring to the time that Washington and Seoul agreed to cancel their large-scale Team Spirit drills in the early 1990s to induce the North to join denuclearization talks.

These arguments might not win over South Korean conservatives whose main fear is that a fully functional ICBM in Pyongyang would eventually force the United States to consider a peace treaty with the North and also the removal of the tens of thousands of American soldiers stationed in South Korea.

While expressing a desire to reach out to the North, South Korea's liberal President Moon Jae-in has also ordered his military officials to schedule talks with the United States to increase the warhead limits on South Korean missiles, and his prime minister said recently that the country should also consider acquiring nuclear-powered submarines to better cope with North Korean threats.

Some conservatives want more strength, however, and are calling for the United States to bring back the tactical nuclear weapons that were withdrawn from the South in the 1990s.

World

Spain investigates missing imam, mysterious explosion

RIPOLL, Spain (AP)—A missing imam and a house that exploded days ago became the focus Saturday of the investigation into an extremist cell responsible for two deadly attacks in Barcelona and a nearby resort, as authorities narrowed in on who radicalized a group of young men in northeastern Spain.

Source: AP
Graphic: Tribune News Service

Investigators searched the home of Abdelbaki Es Satty, an imam who in June abruptly quit working at a mosque in the town of Ripoll, the home of the Islamic radicals behind the attacks that killed 14 people and wounded over 120 in the last few days. Police were trying to determine whether Es Satty was killed in a botched bomb-making operation on Wednesday, the eve of the Barcelona bloodshed.

His former mosque has denounced the deadly attacks and weeping relatives marched into a Ripoll square on Saturday, tearfully denying any knowledge of the radical plans of their sons and brothers. At least one of the suspects is still on the run, and his younger brother has disappeared, as has the younger brother of one of the five attackers slain Friday by police.

Catalan police said a manhunt was centered on Younes Abouyaaquoub, a 22-year-old Moroccan suspected of driving the van that plowed into a packed Barcelona promenade Thursday, killing 13 people and injuring 120. Another attack early Friday killed one person and wounded five in the resort of Cambrils.

The Islamic State group has claimed responsibility for both.

Everyone so far known in the cell grew up in Ripoll, a town in the Catalan foothills near the French border 100 kilometers (62 miles) north of Barcelona. Spanish police searched nine homes in Ripoll, including Es Satty's, and two buses, and set up a roadblock that checked each car entering the town. Across the Pyrenees, French police carried out extra border checks on people coming in from Spain.

Neighbors, family and even the mayor of Ripoll said they were shocked by news of the alleged involvement of the young men, whom all described as integrated Spanish and Catalan speakers with friends of all backgrounds.

Halima Hychami, the weeping mother of Mohamed Hychami, one of the attackers named by police, said he told her he was leaving on vacation and would return Aug. 25. His younger brother, Omar, slept late Thursday and left mid-afternoon.

Mohamed Hychami is believed among the five attackers shot to death by police in Cambrils. She hasn't heard from Omar since he left.

"We found out by watching TV, same as all of you. They never talked about the imam. They were normal boys. They took care of me, booked my flight when I went on vacation. They all had jobs. They didn't steal. Never had a problem with me or anybody else. I can't understand it," she said.

Even with Abouyaaquoub at large, Spanish Interior Minister Juan Ignacio Zoido declared the cell "broken" Saturday. In addition to the five killed by police, four were in custody and one or two were killed in a house explosion Wednesday. He said there was no new imminent threat of attack.

Police also conducted a series of controlled explosions Saturday in the town of Alcanar, south of Barcelona, where the attacks were planned in house that was destroyed Wednesday by an explosion. Authorities had initially thought it was a gas accident, but took another look after the attacks.

Initially, only one person was believed killed in the Wednesday blast. But officials said DNA tests were underway to determine if human remains found there Friday were from a second victim. A police official, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss the ongoing searches, said investigators believed the remains may belong to Es Satty.

The official said investigators also discovered ingredients of the explosive TATP, used by the Islamic State group in attacks in Paris and Brussels, as well as multiple butane tanks that the group may have wanted to combine with the homemade explosive and load into their vehicles.

Neighbors on Saturday said they had seen three vehicles coming and going from the home, including an Audi used in the Cambrils attack and the van used in the Barcelona attack.

The president of the mosque where Es Satty preached, Ali Yassine, said he hadn't seen him since June, when he announced he was returning to Morocco for three months.

"He left the same way he came," said a bitter Wafa Marsi, a friend to many of the attackers, who appeared Saturday alongside their families to denounce terrorism.

Members of Ripoll's Muslim community denounced the vehicle attacks and offered their sympathy to the families of the victims.

Authorities said the two attacks were the work of a large terrorist cell that had been plotting for a long time from the house in Alcanar, 200 kilometers (125 miles) down the coast from Barcelona.

The lone named suspect still at large, Abouyaaquoub, figures on a police list of four main suspects sought in the attacks. Also on the list is 17-year-old Moussa Oukabir, whose brother Driss reported to police that his documents stolen. Ripoll's mayor confirmed that those documents were found in a vehicle used in the attacks. Moussa was one of the five radicals killed, and Driss is in custody, police said.

Catalan regional police said they are mounting major road blocks throughout the northeastern region, warning people they may encounter traffic jams on different roads.

A French police official said authorities were also looking for a Kangoo utility vehicle that was believed to have been rented in Spain by a suspect in the Barcelona attack that might have crossed the border.

Health & Fitness

Tools to assess dangerous body fat

By BARBARA QUINN
THE MONTEREY COUNTY HERALD

Measuring your waist circumference helps identify the presence of dangerous abdominal fat.
DREAMSTIME

This question came to the Facebook page of our local hospital: "I heard awhile back that a plain ol' waist measurement was a more useful health indicator than BMI (Body Mass Index). Did they change their mind about that again?"

I'm not sure who "they" are who changed their minds. But this is a valid question about the methods used to evaluate our weight in relation to our health. According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), both measurements have benefits … and limitations.

Plain ol' waist measurement" is officially called "waist circumference." It is the measurement—in inches—around your middle, just above your hipbones, say experts. This measurement helps identify the presence of dangerous abdominal fat which puts one at increased risk for heart disease and type 2 diabetes. A normal waist circumference measurement for women is less than 35 inches; for men, it is less than 40 inches. Generally as our waist size goes up from normal, so do our health risks.

The waist circumference does have some restrictions, however. According to the NIH, it is not particularly useful in people who are very short (under 5 feet) or very obese (BMI 35 and above).

Unlike waist circumference, Body Mass Index (BMI) is a calculation based on a person's height and weight. It is often used with waist circumference to better predict one's risk for weight-related diseases such as heart disease, high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes and certain cancers. Generally the higher one's BMI, the higher their risk for these chronic diseases.

Here's one way to calculate BMI: Multiply your weight in pounds by 703. Divide that number by your height in inches. Divide that number by your height in inches again. Or go to this link to access an online BMI calculator: https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/educational/lose_wt/BMI/bmicalc.htm.

Body Mass Index is not a good indicator of health status in some people, however. Since it relies on height and weight measurements only, people who are heavy with muscle instead of fat can be erroneously classified as obese. (Bodybuilders and elite athletes come to mind.)

What both these measurements are trying to assess is how much unhealthy fat a person is carrying that affects his or her health. Many practitioners use both methods to draw more precise conclusions.

Beyond these basic and inexpensive tools, there are more advanced techniques to measure the actual composition of our bodies such as fat, muscle, bone, and water. Check out the options with your health care provider.

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Does coffee help you live longer?

Can drinking coffee help you live longer? Two studies report that it may be true.

Both studies, published in Annals of Internal Medicine, show drinking coffee likely benefits your health. One study found coffee drinking is associated with a reduced risk of death from various diseases, and the other study showed drinking a lot of coffee is associated with a lower death risk in African-Americans, Japanese-Americans, Latinos and Caucasians.

Dr. Donald Hensrud, a Mayo Clinic nutrition expert, says the two studies confirm that coffee can benefit many people who drink it, as long as they don't suffer negative side effects of caffeine.

DREAMSTIME/TNS
Two studies show drinking coffee likely benefits your health.

"There is a common belief that coffee is not healthy," says Hensrud. "There are side effects from coffee that may limit consumption in some people, including insomnia; gastroesophageal reflux disease; urinary symptoms, such as frequency and urgency; nervousness and anxiety if consuming too much and others. However, from a health standpoint, these two studies are consistent with many other studies that show overall health benefits. There is fairly good evidence that coffee is associated with decreased risk of liver disease and liver cancer, Parkinson's disease, Type 2 diabetes, and even improved mood and decreased risk of depression."

Hensrud says that while these new studies are not conclusive, they provide reassurance that if people drink coffee and are not having any side effects, there is little reason to decrease consumption, and they should continue to enjoy it. ***(Mayo Clinic News Network/TNS)***

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Personal Trainer

Common exercise myths

These are the most common misconceptions that professional fitness trainers say they hear from their clients:

Weightlifting gives women big muscles
Fact: Women usually don't have enough of the hormone testosterone to develop bulging muscles

"Spot reducing" is possible
Fact: Focused exercises can't "burn fat off" from a specific body part; regular exercise and good diet reduce body fat generally

"No pain, no gain"
Fact: Exercising to the point of pain can do more harm than good; productive exercises may be uncomfortable, but should not be painful

Exercise and you can eat whatever you want
Fact: It's not so; to reach and maintain a healthy weight, eat fruits and vegetables, avoid processed high-sugar foods and eat moderate portions

Exercise takes a major time commitment
Fact: Any amount of regular exercise enhances health and well-being; 30 minutes a day helps maintain good health

There's a magic bullet or quick fix out there
Fact: There is none; many nutritional supplements and fad diets are marketed deceptively

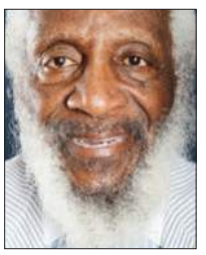
Source: Survey of 1,500 fitness professionals by American Council on Exercise
Graphic: Paul Trap, Tribune News Service

Life & Style

Comedian, civil rights activist Dick Gregory dies

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Dick Gregory, the comedian and activist and who broke racial barriers in the 1960s and used his humor to spread messages of social justice and nutritional health, has died. He was 84.

Gregory died late Saturday in Washington, D.C. after being hospitalized for about a week, his son Christian Gregory told The Associated Press. He had suffered a severe bacterial infection.


Gregory

As one of the first black standup comedians to find success with white audiences, in the early 1960s, Gregory rose from an impoverished childhood in St. Louis to win a college track scholarship and become a celebrated satirist who deftly commented upon racial divisions at the dawn of the civil rights movement.

"Where else in the world but America," he joked, "could I have lived in the worst neighborhoods, attended the worst schools, rode in the back of the bus, and get paid $5,000 a week just for talking about it?"

Gregory's sharp commentary soon led him into civil rights activism, where his ability to woo audiences through humor helped bring national attention to fledgling efforts at integration and social equality for blacks.

Democratic Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey tweeted, "Dick Gregory's unflinching honesty & courage, inspired us to fight, live, laugh & love despite it all." A tweet by actress/comedian Whoopi Goldberg said, "About being black in America Dick Gregory has passed away, Condolences to his family and to us who won't have his insight 2 lean on R.I.P"

Gregory briefly sought political office, running unsuccessfully for mayor of Chicago in 1966 and U.S. president in 1968, when he got 200,000 votes as the Peace and Freedom party candidate. In the late '60s, he befriended John Lennon and was among the voices heard on Lennon's anti-war anthem "Give Peace a Chance," recorded in the Montreal hotel room where Lennon and Yoko Ono were staging a "bed-in" for peace.

An admirer of Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr., Gregory embraced nonviolence and became a vegetarian and marathon runner.

He preached about the transformative powers of prayer and good health. Once an overweight smoker and drinker, he became a trim, energetic proponent of liquid meals and raw food diets. In the late 1980s, he developed and distributed products for the popular Slim-Safe Bahamian Diet.

When diagnosed with lymphoma in 2000, he fought it with herbs, exercise and vitamins. It went in remission a few years later.

He took a break from performing in comedy clubs, saying the alcohol and smoke in the clubs were unhealthy and focused on lecturing and writing more than a dozen books, including an autobiography and a memoir.

Gregory went without solid food for weeks to draw attention to a wide range of causes, including Middle East peace, American hostages in Iran, animal rights, police brutality, the Equal Rights Amendment for women and to support pop singer Michael Jackson when he was charged with sexual molestation in 2004.

"We thought I was going to be a great athlete, and we were wrong, and I thought I was going to be a great entertainer, and that wasn't it either. I'm going to be an American Citizen. First class," he once said.

Richard Claxton Gregory was born in 1932, the second of six children. His father abandoned the family, leaving his mother poor and struggling. Though the family often went without food or electricity, Gregory's intellect and hard work quickly earned him honors, and he attended the mostly white Southern Illinois University.

"In high school I was fighting being broke and on relief," he wrote in his 1963 book. "But in college, I was fighting being Negro."

He started winning talent contests for his comedy, which he continued in the Army. After he was discharged, he struggled to break into the standup circuit in Chicago, working odd jobs as a postal clerk and car washer to survive. His breakthrough came in 1961, when he was asked to fill in for another comedian at Chicago's Playboy Club. His audience, mostly white Southern businessmen, heckled him with racist gibes, but he stuck it out for hours and left them howling.

Can't be there? How to watch the solar eclipse on TV, online

If you can't witness the total solar eclipse in person, you can still see it online or via TV.

Here are some of the viewing options: (All times EDT)

■ NASA will offer hours of coverage online and on NASA Television beginning at noon. It plans livestreaming of the eclipse beginning at 1 p.m. with images from satellites, research aircraft, high-altitude balloons and specially modified telescopes.

■ CNN coverage will include reporting from Oregon, Missouri, Tennessee and South Carolina. In partnership with Volvo, CNN also plans two hours of livestreaming, 360-degree coverage accessible in virtual reality through Oculus headsets beginning at 1 p.m.

■ The PBS science series NOVA is planning a quick turnaround with an hourlong eclipse documentary at 9 p.m.

■ The Science Channel will broadcast its live coverage from Madras, Oregon, from noon to 4 p.m., with commentary from educators and astronomers from the Lowell Observatory.

■ David Muir will anchor ABC 's two hours of live coverage, with correspondents reporting from viewing parties across the country. NBC also plans live coverage, with Lester Holt hosting special reports at 1 and 2 p.m. featuring correspondents reporting from Oregon, Illinois, Wyoming and South Carolina. Shepard Smith will break into typical broadcasting on Fox News Channel from noon to 4 p.m. to update viewers on the eclipse.

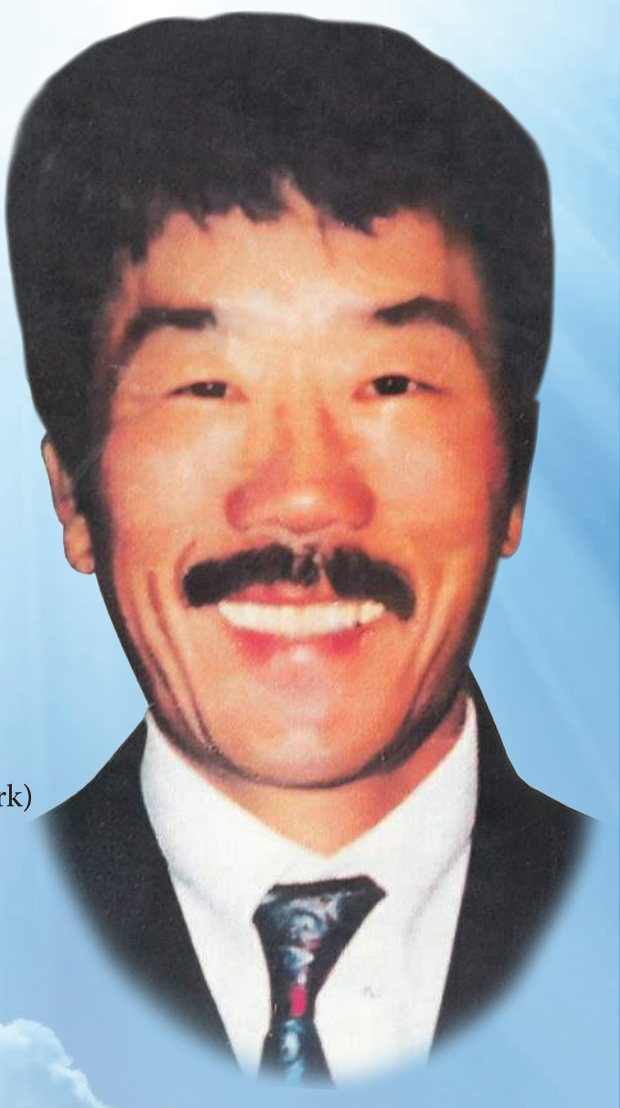
■ The Weather Channel is kicking off its live coverage at 6 a.m. and continuing throughout the day with dispatches from seven locations. ***(AP)***

In Loving Memory of

†Kwang Young Kim

Lovingly known as Young

December 17, 1936 – August 15, 2017



In his new life, he now joins his:

Father: †In Bo Kim
Mother: †Kyung Sil Son
Daughter: †Hee Jin Kim

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Wife, Shirley Dela Rosa Kim
and their children:
Hee Beom Kim and Anita Kim
Hee Haina Kim
Hee Leina Kim

Former wife Jihwan Kim and their children:
†Hee Jin Kim and Yong Woo Kim
(Yun Young Kim, Chae Young Kim)
Hee Soo Kim and Changhwan Park
(Eun Jee Park, Hyman Park, Sonha Park)
Angel H. Kim and Anthony Santos
(Luise Santos, Lance Santos)

He will be deeply missed by his family, friends and all that knew him.

Special thanks to Delia Mina and Mila Mago.

Rosary is prayed nightly at 7:30 pm at Mount Carmel Cathedral until August 23rd.

On Wednesday, August 23, 2017, Young's remains will be escorted from the Divine Chapel to Mount Carmel Cathedral. Viewing and last respects will begin at 9:00am. Christian Memorial mass will be celebrated at 10:00am.

Your thoughts and prayers are sincerely appreciated.
Thank You

Shirley Kim, Children and Family

Trump to skip Kennedy Center awards program

BRIDGEWATER, N.J. (AP)—Acknowledging that he has become a "political distraction," President Donald Trump has decided to skip the festivities surrounding the annual Kennedy Center Honors arts awards later this year, the White House announced Saturday amid the continuing fallout over Trump's stance on last weekend's white supremacist demonstration in Charlottesville, Virginia.

The Kennedy Center said it respected Trump's decision and the show will go on.

Trump and first lady Melania Trump reached their decision Friday, a White House official said, the same day that the entire membership of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities resigned in protest over Trump's remarks about Charlottesville. The official was not authorized to publicly discuss internal deliberations and insisted on anonymity to comment.

Trump has blamed "both sides" for the Aug. 12 violence that left an anti-racism activist dead.

Presidents traditionally host a light-hearted and oftentimes humorous gathering for the honorees at the White House before the awards ceremony at the performing arts center. Trump will not hold that reception this year, and he and the first lady will not attend the gala.

It will be the fourth time in the awards' 40-year history that a president will miss out on the ceremony.

Trump long has had a contentious relationship with the arts world and some of those being recognized for lifetime achievement in their fields had already made clear they would boycott a White House reception presided over by Trump.

His decision capped a week in which he was put on the defensive over his Charlottesville remarks.

Elected and former elected officials in both parties urged Trump to more forcefully denounce the neo-Nazis and white supremacists who marched through Charlottesville, while others openly questioned his competence and moral leadership.

Corporate titans whom Trump enjoyed schmoozing with at the White House fled advisory boards they had agreed to serve on, while uniformed leaders of the armed services denounced racism and hatred without naming their commander in chief.

'Dancing' with fame: Hinchcliffe enjoys newfound stardom

LONG POND, Pa. (AP)—James Hinchcliffe just tried to act like a friendly tourist during a visit to Philadelphia . When he saw four people on a city sidewalk trying to squeeze into a selfie frame in front of Independence Hall, Hinchcliffe volunteered to snap the photo for them.

Turned out, just blocks from Ben Franklin's grave, Betsy Ross' house and the Liberty Bell, the top attraction was the guy holding the iPhone.

"Hey, wait a minute, aren't you ..."

Yes, one of the women in the group instantly recognized the former "Dancing With The Stars" contestant.

"The first thing this lady said to me was, 'We were so mad you didn't win!' It's just so funny how invested they get in the show," he said.

Hinchcliffe and his professional partner Sharna Burges were runner-ups last November in the popular dance competition television series. "Hinch" has noticed an uptick in getting recognized since he freestyled his way into the national spotlight. His dancing shoes came with some perks—they put him one-step closer to living like an A-lister; well, maybe at least an easier time scoring a reservation at the latest hot spot.

"If you want to go somewhere, they return your phone call. That's the big difference," he said, laughing. "It's not just, 'Who?'"

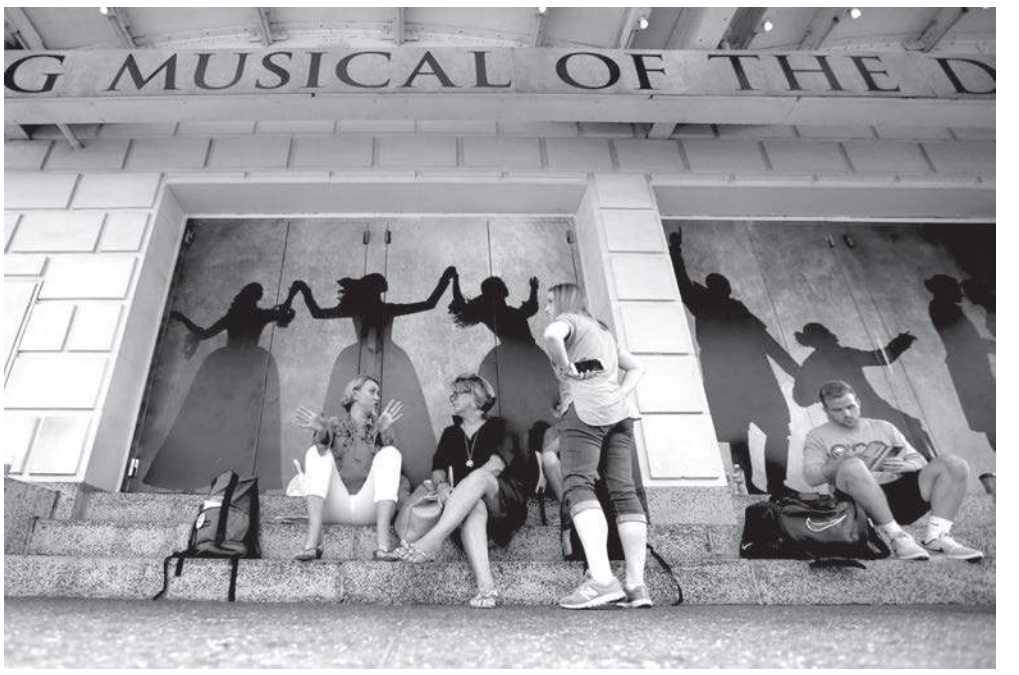
The 30-year-old Hinchcliffe, out of Ontario, Canada, was already a popular presence around the IndyCar paddock. He's the Mayor of Hinchtown and his comeback from a life-threatening injury two years ago at Indianapolis Motor Speedway earned him deeper respect among his peers.

But there are still a few more goals Hinchcliffe would like to reach that would mean more than any Mirrorball Trophy. He heads into Sunday's race at Pocono Raceway looking for his second victory of the season and his first multi-win season since 2013. He wants to firm up his future with Schmidt-Peterson Motorsports and he still has an eye on landing a ride in NASCAR's second-tier Xfinity Series.

Need more Hinch updates?

Download and subscribe to his podcast, "The Mayor On Air." Hinchcliffe was set to tape his latest episode from the Pocono infield on Saturday night with his guests, fellow IndyCar drivers Marco Andretti and Will Power. Hinchcliffe loves the informal Q&As with some of his best friends that showcase a different side of the drivers to a fan base he works tirelessly to build.

Broadway ticket-buying now easier for fans, not re-sellers



People wait in the ticket cancellation line for a chance to see the Broadway show "Hamilton" at the Richard Rogers Theatre, in New York's Theater District, Friday, Aug. 18, 2017. AP

NEW YORK (AP)—For longtime Bruce Springsteen fan Debbie Elster, there's never been any doubt the competition to get tickets for his upcoming Broadway shows is going to be fierce.

But she's feeling a little more hopeful, thanks to a new online verification system for ticket-buying that aims to keep more tickets in the hands of fans rather than re-sellers who seemingly snap them up and put them on the market, often for several times the face value.

Known as Verified Fan, the program from Ticketmaster requires people to register for a specific sale in advance, with information including their names, phone numbers and emails.

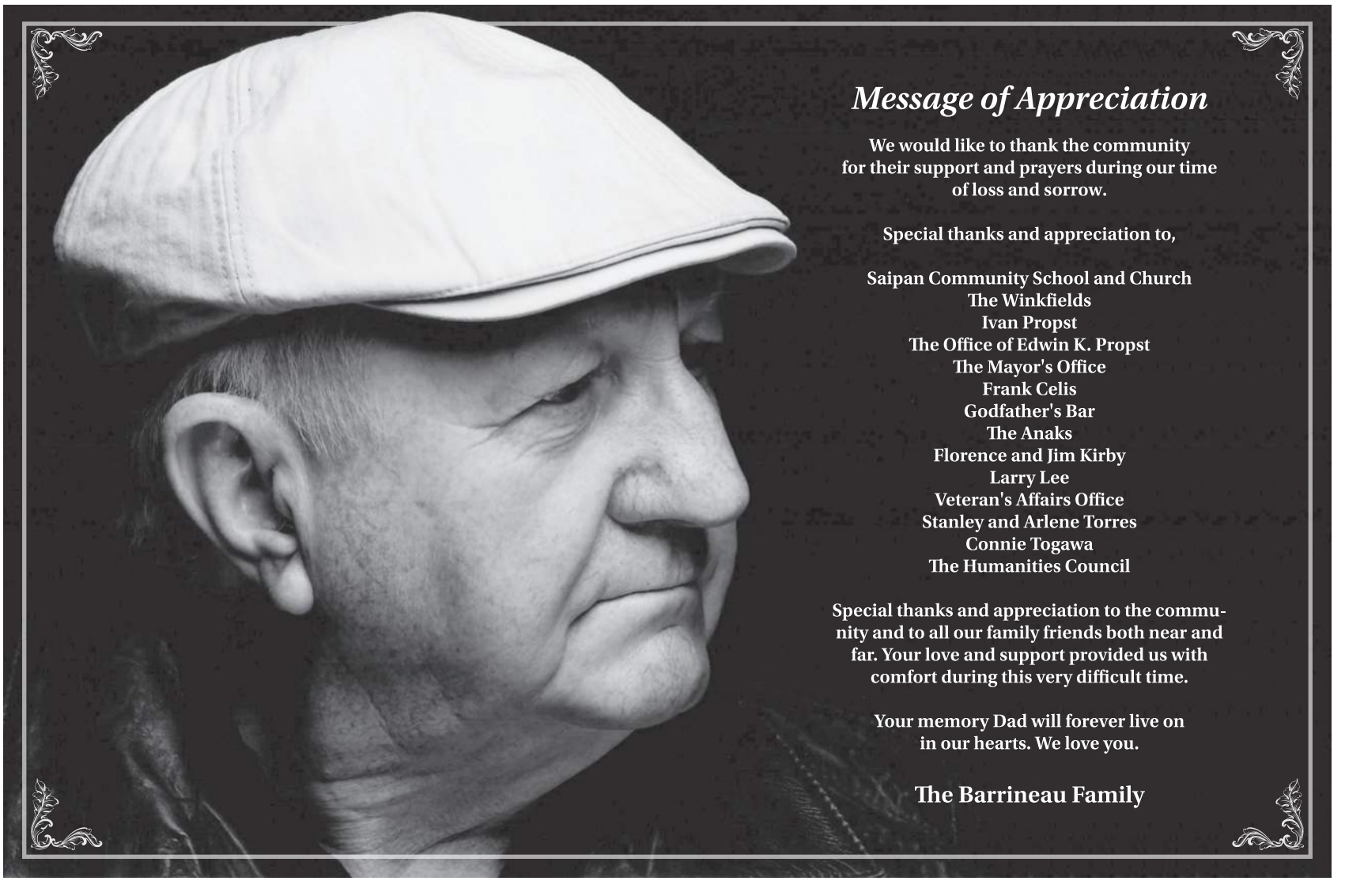
The registrations are reviewed, including past ticket purchase history and even social media accounts, with an eye toward determining whether they're more likely to be event attendees. Those accepted get unique codes that they can use when they go to buy tickets on the sale date.

The premise is that by vetting registrants, it's more likely that actual fans would be the ones getting the first crack at hot tickets, instead of brokers and re-sellers.

"That makes me feel better," said Elster, 66, a videographer who lives in Margate, Florida. "That makes me feel like I have a chance maybe, more of a chance than usual."

Verified Fan has been used for concert sales for artists such as Ed Sheeran and Harry Styles, and is now showing up for Broadway sales. "Springsteen on Broadway," running from Oct. 3 to Nov. 26, is using the system, as is another show expected to be a hot prospect, "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child," opening next spring.

The producers of the immensely popular "Hamilton" announced Tuesday that a new block of tickets for the show would go on sale through Verified Fan. That show has been the subject of a huge re-sale market, with tickets going for hundreds of dollars if not more than the face values.


Message of Appreciation
We would like to thank the community for their support and prayers during our time of loss and sorrow.
Special thanks and appreciation to,
Saipan Community School and Church
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Godfather's Bar
The Anaks
Florence and Jim Kirby
Larry Lee
Veteran's Affairs Office
Stanley and Arlene Torres
Connie Togawa
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Special thanks and appreciation to the community and to all our family friends both near and far. Your love and support provided us with comfort during this very difficult time.
Your memory Dad will forever live on in our hearts. We love you.
The Barrineau Family

Penn Jillette apologizes to Newfoundland for insult comedy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Penn Jillette is apologizing profusely for his wisecracks insulting Newfoundland.

The talkative half of the Penn & Teller magic and comedy act called Newfoundland "a euphemism for stupid" during Friday's "Overtime with Bill Maher."

Jillette also said that residents of the frozen North, in his words, "club seals" and are his people. Jillette has said he has family roots in Newfoundland, which is part of the Canadian province including Labrador.

A social media backlash was followed by an explanation and succession of apologies Saturday from Jillette on Twitter.

He said that he messed up a comedy bit on "Overtime," an online follow-up to Maher's weekly "Real Time" talk show on HBO.

Jillette said he was "wrong," repeating the word five more times in one tweet alone.

AP

In this Friday, Aug. 18 , 2017 photo provided by HBO, Penn Jillette, right, appears on Bill Maher's "Real Time," in Los Angeles.

Police: Rapper Meek Mill arrested for reckless dirt biking

NEW YORK (AP) — Police say the rapper Meek Mill has been arrested on a charge of reckless endangerment for riding an illegal dirt bike through New York City streets.

The 30-year-old rapper was arrested late Thursday. His real name is Robert Rihmeek Williams.

The Daily News reports that Mill was seen on Instagram popping wheelies on the dirt bike Wednesday night.

According to Instagram posts by fans, Mill turned on his livestream when police detained him the next day based on the social media posts.

The dirt bike photos could no longer be found on Mill's Instagram account by late Thursday.

Mill's lawyer, Joseph Tacopina, said Mill was being singled out because of his celebrity.

Tacopina said that if Mill's name had been John Smith, "he wouldn't even have been arrested."

Taylor Swift left 'a blank space, baby' on social media

NEW YORK (AP) — Taylor Swift had a "blank space, baby" across social media Friday — and Swifties went wild.

There was no immediate word from the Swift camp on what happened, but the "Blank Space" pop star is known for promotional trickery on her social streams ahead of major music drops.

In addition to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Tumblr, her website went dark and the hashtag "TS6IsComing" — as in her sixth studio album — trended worldwide. Her profile pictures were also removed.

All of this comes days after federal jurors in Denver found a former radio host, David Mueller, assaulted and battered Swift during a meet-and-greet in 2013. And all of this also comes as the three-year anniversary of "1989," her last studio album, approaches in October.

Perhaps more significantly: Aug. 18 is three years on the nose that Swift dropped "Shake It Off" and announced "1989" was on the way back in 2014.

American Girl's first Native Hawaiian doll set to go on sale

HONOLULU (AP) — American Girl has made its first Native Hawaiian doll.

The doll's name is Nanea Mitchell and she goes on sale Monday. The doll is 18 inches (46 centimeters) tall and is priced at $115.

Her character grows up during World War II. Her wardrobe includes 1940s-era outfits, hula attire and many accessories.

A five-member advisory board helped ensure historical accuracy and cultural authenticity when creating the doll, the company said.

"We hope Nanea's powerful story of resilience, responsibility to others, and contributing for the common good — or kokua, as it's known in Hawaii — will resonate with girls and show them they have the power within to face the obstacles that come their way," said Katy Dickson, president of American Girl.

To celebrate the doll's launch, American Girl will be collecting donations for the American Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces program through the end of the year, matching every dollar made at its website and stores up to $75,000.

Judge refuses to end Roman Polanski sex assault case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Los Angeles judge on Friday denied the impassioned plea of Roman Polanski's victim to end a four-decade-old sexual assault case against the fugitive director.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Scott Gordon ruled that Polanski must return to California if he expects to resolve charges of sexually abusing a teen. The Oscar winner fled the country on the eve of sentencing in 1978.

Gordon's ruling follows a fervent request by Samantha Geimer to end a "40-year sentence" she says was imposed on both perpetrator and victim. It was issued on Polanski's 84th birthday and blamed the director for the fact that the case was still alive.

"Her statement is dramatic evidence of the long-lasting and traumatic effect these crimes, and defendant's refusal to obey court orders and appear for sentencing, is having on her life," Gordon wrote.

Harland Braun, Polanski's attorney, said the ruling came after the judge asked for proposals on how to resolve the case. Braun's proposals include several that previously were rejected by the court.

Polanski pleaded guilty to having unlawful sex with Geimer when she was 13. She has said he drugged, raped and sodomized her.

The Associated Press does not typically name victims of sex abuse, but Geimer went public years ago.

After he became a fugitive, his attorneys have failed to persuade judges to sentence him in absentia and credit him for the 42 days he was incarcerated for psychological testing before he fled.

Geimer has long supported Polanski's efforts but made her plea in court for the first time in June. After her statement, the director's lawyers reiterated their request for the case to be dismissed, or Polanski to be sentenced without appearing in court.

Geimer told the judge that she was deeply disappointed Polanski had not been able to resolve the case with prosecutors and implored Gordon to "bring this matter to a close as an act of mercy to myself and my family."

Gordon's ruling Friday noted that a court "may not dismiss the case merely because it would be in the victim's best interest."

Family would rather punish than praise recovering addict

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

DEAR ABBY: I am a recovering drug addict. I have slipped, as many do, but I have been clean for four years now. The problem is my family. If I look tired, trip over my own two feet (I'm clumsy) or just don't want to be around people, I get questioned, yelled at, accused, etc.

Abby, they do random drug screens at my job. I have passed every one, and I have made amends for my past wrongdoings. But the last time I was accused, after trying to express my feelings calmly, I exploded and vented my frustration. Now my family won't have anything to do with me.

Truth be told, since the breakup, I have experienced a boost in self-esteem, but I miss them. I have apologized, but they still won't talk to me.

How many times must I swallow their accusations? They say I'm in the wrong. Is it wrong that I've had enough? Should I keep apologizing or leave it be? Shouldn't they be proud that I've stayed clean? Please help.

FED UP IN TEXAS

DEAR FED UP: They should be, but apparently they aren't and haven't trusted your sobriety, which is why they couldn't let your period of addiction go. Because you have apologized and your apologies haven't been accepted, it is time to look forward, form new relationships and move on. I think that would be a healthier path to take than continuing to beg forgiveness from relatives who are unwilling to give it and would rather punish you. Don't you?

DEAR ABBY: I have a sister who laughs after everything she says (it doesn't matter the topic). She stayed at my house for four nights and it drove me insane. I figured I could put up with it for four days, which I did, but it wasn't easy. I didn't say anything at the time for fear of hurting her feelings and/or possibly ruining her short vacation.

In addition, our main form of communication is texting (which she does often), and I swear she can put five or six LOLs in every text. I know she thinks she's funny, but she doesn't have to tell me with every sentence. This may seem like a petty thing to gripe about, but it is very irritating. (By the way, she's NOT funny.) Thoughts, Abby?

SOURPUSS IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR SOURPUSS: Your sister's laughter may be more a nervous habit than an attempt at humor, so I'm glad you held your tongue. However, if all those LOLs in her texts are a distraction, you're perfectly within your rights to tell her so, and it shouldn't cause hurt feelings.

DEAR ABBY: I don't understand the new trend of asking wedding attendees to pay for the honeymoon. I'm especially put off by a couple entering second marriages for both of them. "Dick" and "Jane" are both established in well-paying careers. They are not only asking people to pay for their airfare, but also to donate cash for shopping sprees. This seems presumptuous to me. What do you think?

INSULTED NON-ATTENDEE

DEAR I.N.A.: I agree! What you received wasn't a wedding invitation; it was a solicitation and should be regarded as such.

Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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THE ART OF CONVERSATION: ALIVE OR DEAD?
I COUNTED MY FINGERS THREE TIMES AND GOT THREE DIFFERENT ANSWERS
A MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEASE
JIM DAVIS 8-21

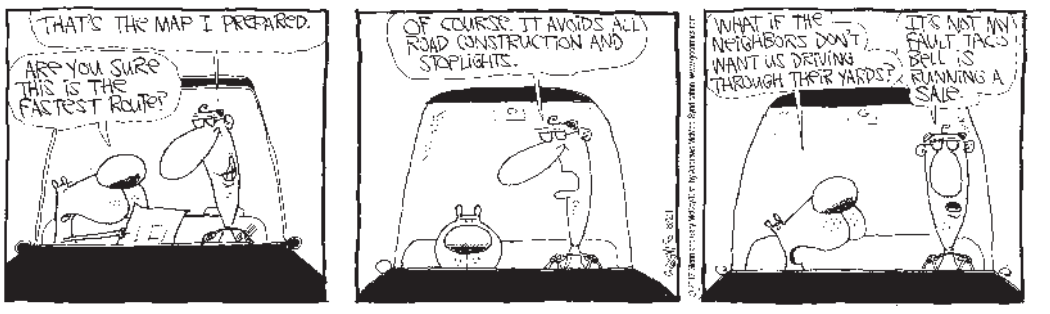
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

OKAY. THEY'RE COMING TODAY TO FILM ME.
FOR WHAT?
UM, HELLO?! THE BIG COFFEE REALITY SHOW?
THEY DEEMED ME ONE OF THE MOST COFFEE-DEPENDENT PEOPLE IN...AAA!AAAAA!!
WHAT?
SORRY. MY MUG WAS OUT OF MY LINE OF SIGHT FOR A SECOND.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


THAT'S THE MAP I PREPARED.
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS THE FASTEST ROUTE?
OF COURSE. IT AVOIDS ALL ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND STOPLIGHTS.
WHAT IF THE NEIGHBORS DON'T WANT US DRIVING THROUGH THEIR YARDS?
IT'S NOT MY FAULT. TACO BELL IS RUNNING A SALE.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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12 Face-covering nursery game
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15 Bitterness
16 Taj Mahal city
17 Demure
18 Tea variety
20 Cougars
23 In pain
24 High-five sound
25 Region of southwest France
28 Blackbird
29 Inventor Nikola
30 "— Town"
32 Hopkins of "Hannibal"
34 Pyramid, maybe
35 Droop
36 Island porch
37 "With any luck"
40 Speck
41 "Garfield" dog
42 Hoggishness
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50 LPs' successors
51 October birthstone

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4 Winter head warmer
5 "— Named Sue"
6 Mafia boss
7 With great delight
8 Theater district
9 Waffle brand
10 Swiss capital
11 Men-only
13 Old Testament book
19 Killer whale
20 Unpaid TV ad
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26 Lunch hour
27 Arizona tribe
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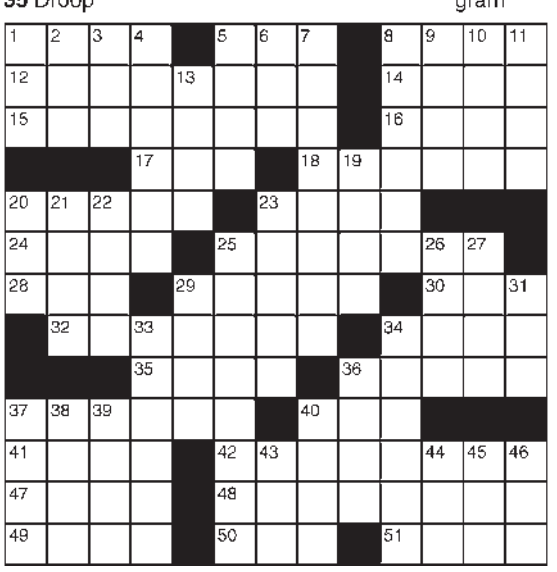

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By DAVID OUELLET

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Machado hits 3 homers to lead Orioles over Angels

BALTIMORE (AP)—Manny Machado capped a three-homer night with a grand slam in the ninth inning, and the Baltimore Orioles rallied to beat the Los Angeles Angels 9-7 on Friday night in a game that featured 10 home runs.

Machado hit his seventh career slam off Keynan Middleton (4-1), who entered with two on and one out in the ninth. After Tim Beckham singled to load the bases, Machado hit a drive far over the center-field wall to give the Orioles their first lead.

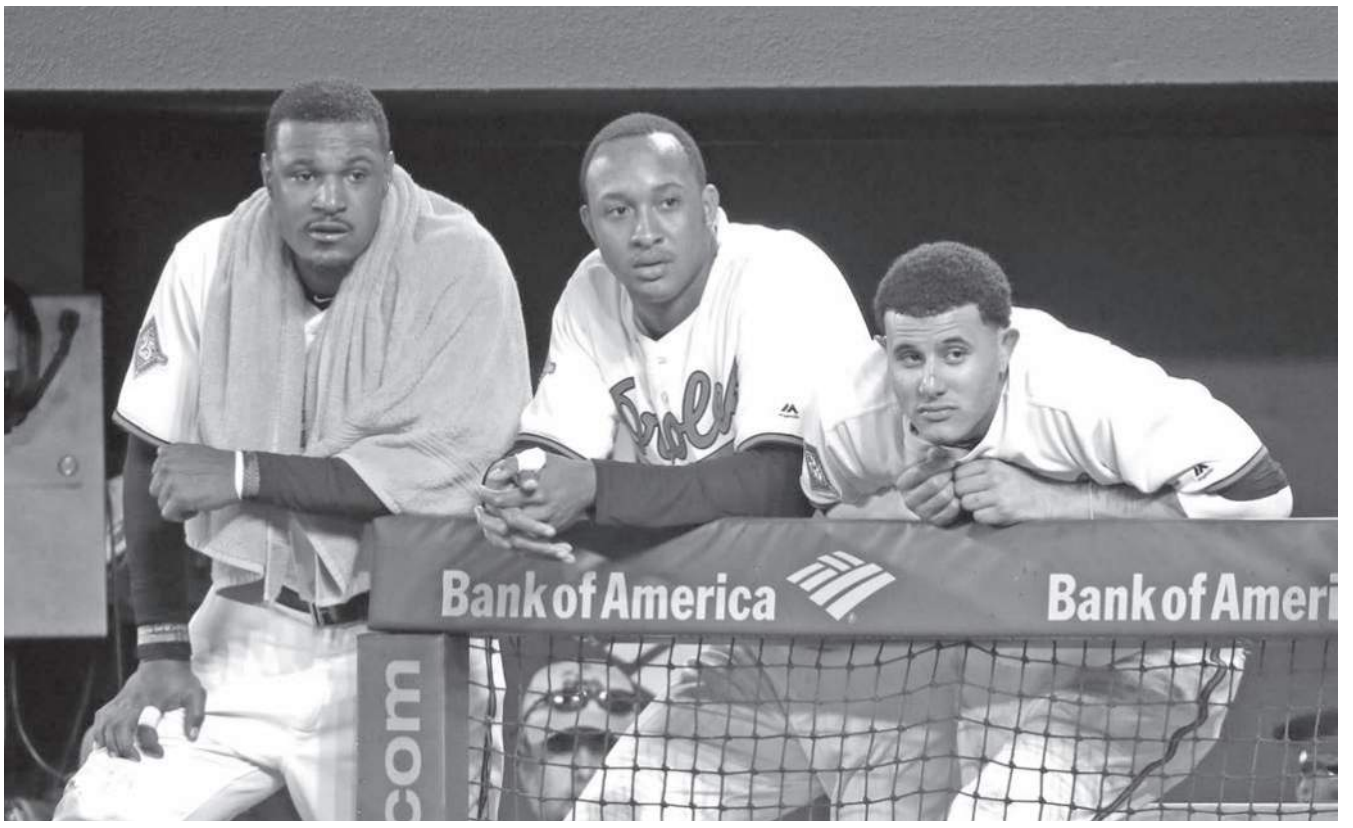
Machado also hit a two-run homer in the third and a solo shot in the fifth to finish with seven RBIs.

Albert Pujols set the tone for the game in the first inning with a milestone homer off Jeremy Hellickson. There would be plenty more long balls on a steamy night at Camden Yards, five by each team.

Pujols' two-run drive was 609th, tied with Sammy Sosa for eighth on the career. Pujols and Sosa now share the distinction of hitting more home runs that any other foreign-born player.

After Pujols and Kole Calhoun connected in succession in the first inning, C.J. Cron and Kaleb Cowart homered in the second for a 5-0 lead. The Orioles used homers by Mark Trumbo, Machado and Caleb Joseph and cut the gap to a run before a two-run drive by Mike Trout made it 7-4 in the fifth.

All five L.A. home runs came off Hellickson, the first time the right-hander yielded more than three in a game. Darren O'Day (4-1) got the win with 1 1/3 innings of scoreless relief.



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From left to right, Baltimore Orioles center fielder Adam Jones, second baseman Jonathan Schoop and third baseman Manny Machado stand in the dugout in the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Los Angeles Angels in Baltimore, Saturday, Aug. 19, 2017.

Red Sox 9, Yankees 6

In Boston, pinch-hitter Mitch Moreland hit a two-run single in Boston's four-run seventh inning and the Red Sox rallied to beat New York.

Boston won for the 13th time in 15 games to extend its lead in the AL East to five games over the second-place Yankees. New York had won four straight.

Addison Reed (1-1) got five outs, striking out three. Craig Kimbrel pitched the ninth for his 29th save.

The Red Sox opened a 3-0 lead on homers from Rafael Devers and Christian Vazquez. But Todd Frazier hit a two-run homer in the sixth, then New York scored four in the seventh to take a 6-3 lead.

Boston loaded the bases in the bottom of the seventh against Tommy Kahnle (2-4). Mookie Betts had a sacrifice fly and Andrew Benintendi an RBI single. After Hanley Ramirez walked to load the bases again, Moreland's single made it 7-6. Jackie Bradley Jr. added a two-run single in the eighth.

Dodgers 8, Tigers 5

In Detroit, Chris Taylor was 4 for 5 with two doubles, and the Los Angeles Dodgers welcomed back Adrian Gonzalez from the disabled list with a victory over Detroit.

Gonzalez doubled in his first plate appearance since June 11, one of six two-base hits on the night for Los Angeles. The Dodgers (86-34) have won 20 of their last 23 games and are 51-9 over their last 60.

Rich Hill (9-4) labored through five innings, allowing three runs and six hits, but the Dodgers gave him plenty of support. Corey Seager drove in three runs, and Logan Forsythe scored three times.

Justin Upton homered twice and Victor Martinez also went deep for the Tigers, but Jordan Zimmermann (7-10) allowed seven runs and 10 hits in 5 1/3 innings.

Gonzalez was activated before the game after being out with a herniated lumbar disk.

The Dodgers have won 37 consecutive games in which they've scored four or more runs.

Cubs 7, Blue Jays 4

In Chicago, Jake Arrieta pitched into the seventh inning and allowed a run, and Javier Baez homered and drove in three runs to help Chicago beat Toronto.

Arrieta (13-8) allowed one run and six hits in 6 1/3 innings to win his third straight start. Wade Davis got the final three outs for his 25th save.

Anthony Rizzo went 2 for 4 with two RBIs, Victor Caratini went 3 for 3, and Jason Heyward and Albert Almora Jr. each had an RBI single for Chicago.

Blue Jays starter J.A. Happ (6-9) allowed five runs and nine hits in five innings. Miguel Montero, who began the season with the Cubs, went 2 for 4 with a run scored against his former team.

Cardinals 11, Pirates 10

In Pittsburgh, Matt Carpenter hit a three-run homer in the second inning to make it 5-1 and St. Louis went on to outscore Pittsburgh.

The Cardinals, whose lead reached 11-3 in the eighth inning, have taken the first two games of a four-game series against the Pirates to remain 1 1/2 games behind the NL Central-leading Chicago Cubs.

St. Louis has won 10 of its past 13 games despite losing three straight from Aug. 13-16. It has scored at least eight runs in eight of those 10 wins.

Astros 3, Athletics 1

In Houston, Dallas Keuchel threw seven shutout innings, Alex Bregman and Jose Altuve homered and Houston beat Oakland.

Keuchel (11-2) allowed three hits, walked one and struck out three. He had his second straight solid outing after allowing one run in 6 2/3 innings Sunday at Texas.

The 2015 AL Cy Young winner retired 14 of the first 15 batters he faced, with the lone hit being a bunt single by Matt Joyce down the third-base line and away from the shift in the third inning. Of the 21 outs Keuchel recorded, 16 came on ground balls.

Rockies 8, Brewers 4

In Denver, Charlie Blackmon hit his sixth leadoff home run of the season, German Marquez won for the first time in three weeks and Colorado beat Milwaukee.

Gerardo Parra and Carlos Gonzalez also homered and each drove in two runs, and Nolan Arenado had a two-run triple for the Rockies. They are a game ahead of Arizona for the top NL wild card.

Twins 10, Diamondbacks 3

In Minneapolis, Miguel Sano hit two of the Twins' season high-tying six home runs, including an inside-the-park dash by Byron Buxton, and Minnesota powered past Arizona.

Eduardo Escobar, Max Kepler and Brian Dozier also went deep for Minnesota. Buxton finished a single shy of the cycle.

David Peralta had three hits for Arizona, including a home run.

With Minnesota leading 4-3 in the seventh, Sano hit the first pitch from reliever David Hernandez 452 feet into the second deck in left-center for two runs. Escobar added a two-run shot two batters later.

Nationals 7, Padres 1

In San Diego, Matt Grace pitched 4 1/3 scoreless innings in place of injured Max Scherzer, and Howie Kendrick hit a leadoff homer and drove in two runs to help Washington beat San Diego.

Scherzer was scratched from his scheduled start and placed on the 10-day disabled list with a sore neck. Grace and five relievers held San Diego to four hits.

Grace, who grew up in the Los Angeles area and pitched at UCLA, made his first big league start and his first start since 2012 when he was with Single-A Potomac. It was his 61st big league appearance.

The left-hander allowed two hits, struck out one and walked one. He retired Cory Spangenberg on a grounder to open the fifth and manager Dusty Baker came out to get him after 52 pitches.

Mariners 7, Rays 1

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Nelson Cruz hit his 30th homer and doubled twice, and Erasmo Ramirez won his first game for Seattle since April 1, 2014, lead the Mariners past Tampa Bay.

Cruz's home run was measured by MLB Statcast at 482 feet, the longest in Tropicana Field history.

Ramirez (5-4), who was traded back to the Mariners on July 28 after pitching 2 1/2 seasons with the Rays, gave up one run and two hits in six innings in the first game of the Mariners' 12-game trip.

Hits by Robinson Cano, Cruz, Danny Valencia and Ben Gamel helped the Mariners score three runs in the first off Rays starter Austin Pruitt (6-4).

Indians 10, Royals 1

In Kansas City, Mo., Corey Kluber put together another Cy Young-worthy performance before leaving with a sprained right ankle, and Jay Bruce homered twice to help Cleveland rout Kansas City.

Kluber (12-3) was cruising along until there was one out in the sixth inning, and Eric Hosmer sent a grounder to the right side of the infield. Kluber winced coming off the mound to cover the bag.

The two-time All-Star faced one more batter before Andrew Miller relieved him. Kluber allowed a homer to Brandon Moss along with five more hits, striking out four and walking one.

White Sox 4, Rangers 3

In Arlington, Texas, Nicky Delmonico lined an inside-the-park home run in the eighth inning, his second go-ahead homer of the game, and Chicago beat Texas to end a five-game losing streak.

Delmonico's fifth homer eluded a leaping Nomar Mazara, bouncing off the wall as the right fielder crumpled on the warning track clutching his left knee. Second baseman Rougned Odor sprinted to retrieve the long carom, but Delmonico beat the throw with a head-first slide.

A day after the end of the rookie's club-record streak of reaching base the first 13 games of his career, Delmonico drilled a two-run shot over the wall in right for a 3-2 lead in the sixth.

Reds 5, Braves 3

In Atlanta, Cincinnati hit three home runs in the sixth, including a two-run shot by Adam Duvall, Sal Romano threw seven strong innings and the Reds beat R.A. Dickey and Atlanta.

Matt Adams' homer in the second inning gave Atlanta a 1-0 lead that Dickey held until the four-run sixth. Duvall's homer drove in Joey Votto, who hit a leadoff single, to give the Reds the lead.

Eugenio Suarez and Jesse Winker added back-to-back homers with one out for Cincinnati's first three-homer inning of the season.

Giants 10, Phillies 2

In San Francisco, Matt Moore took a one-hitter into the eighth inning and picked up his first win in nearly two months, leading San Francisco past Philadelphia.

Hunter Pence and Brandon Crawford homered, Pablo Sandoval had an RBI single and Denard Span added three hits and made a nice running catch in center field to help San Francisco to its ninth win in the last 12 games at AT&T Park.

One day after becoming the first team in major league history to reach 11,000 wins as a franchise, the Giants added on by beating the worst team in baseball again.

Marlins 3, Mets 1

In New York, J.T. Realmuto hit a two-run homer and Miami Marlins won for the sixth time in seven games, downing New York to move within two games of .500 for the first time since May 3.

Realmuto followed Marcell Ozuna's second-inning walk with his 14th home run, lining a hanging curveball into the left-field seats for a 2-0 lead.

Pitching in front of a sparse crowd in a game that started almost two hours late due to steady rain and the occasional burst of lightning, Justin Nicolino (2-1) scattered six singles and stranded runners in four of his five innings. Brad Ziegler threw a perfect ninth for his fifth save in seven chances.

MMA fighters, pro wrestlers blur line in fight game

By DAN GELSTON
AP SPORTS WRITER

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In this Jan. 3, 2015, file photo, Jon Jones, right, kicks Daniel Cormier during their light heavyweight title mixed martial arts bout at UFC 182 in Las Vegas. Jones has threatened to show up at WWE's SummerSlam event and scout potential rival Brock Lesnar.

Jon Jones has teased making an appearance at WWE's SummerSlam event to stir things up in his quest for a mega fight with Brock Lesnar.

Lesnar might have trouble keeping an eye on Jones, should the UFC star grab a seat in the front row. The WWE universal champion has a title defense against three wrestlers in a Fatal 4-Way main event Sunday night at New York's Barclays Center.

With a loss, Lesnar could have more free time to hype a potential fight vs. Jones—the match stipulates he will leave WWE if he loses the championship.

OK, Lesnar isn't going anywhere. He's WWE's No. 1 drawing card.

But the pay-per-view provision only fueled speculation among fight fans that Lesnar could jump ship and return to UFC for a showdown against Jones. Jones called out Lesnar immediately after winning the light heavyweight championship last month. Lesnar warned Jones, "Be careful what you wish for, young man ."

Lesnar reigned as heavyweight champion in his first stint at UFC and easily became the most successful crossover fighter, from pro wrestler to mixed martial artist.

Lesnar's not the only spandexed warrior who has stepped inside the squared circle and eight sides of cage fighting.

Some notables:

■ CM Punk was a one-round flop when the former WWE champion made the move to UFC.

■ Ken Shamrock ruled as "The World's Most Dangerous Man" in the early days of UFC before he wrestled future Hollywood star The Rock at WrestleMania.

■ Bobby Lashley is trying to master both worlds, currently competing as a heavyweight for both Bellator and Global Force Wrestling.

■ Ronda Rousey stood side-by-side with The Rock at WrestleMania and was recently spotted at a WWE-backed women's wrestling tournament . Could the one-time face of UFC find herself competing in the faux fighting world of WWE?

■ WWE star Becky Lynch and UFC champion Cristiane "Cyborg" Justino had a social media "feud" to push a potential SummerSlam bout.

■ Dan "The Beast" Severn, Tank Abbott, Rampage Jackson and Dave Batista have all had mixed success trying to mesh triangle chokes and ankle locks with dropkicks and piledrivers.

Shamrock was a key cog in UFC's formative years, fighting to a 36-minute draw at UFC 5 on April 7, 1995, and made the jump during WWE's zenith in "The Attitude Era."

"It's difficult to go from a career where you're kicking tail and going out and dominating people and then all of a sudden you have people telling you, you're going to lay down in this fight," he said. "That was the most difficult part for most athletes crossing over. You have to put yourself in a vulnerable situation and make people think you're hurt. We were so programmed in our pride to not let people know you're hurt."

Shamrock at times found the scripted outcomes almost as tough to swallow as the dog food "The British Bulldog" Davey Boy Smith shoved in his mouth at SummerSlam in 1997.

In the '90s, UFC had yet to gain the mainstream credibility the sport has today and Shamrock entered a sports entertainment world where he knew none of the wrestlers legitimately wanted to mess with him. But they were curious if Shamrock could change from martial artist master to entertainer—and he did. Shamrock kept many of the traits that made him a star in UFC—in the WWE he was known for suffering "internal bleeding" rather than quitting.

"I was a world champion. There was nobody in the world that could beat me," Shamrock said. "When I first went there, there were a lot of people that were very upset that I would go there and do something like that. But if it wasn't for the fact that I crossed over, we might not be talking about the UFC or the WWE as we talk about them now."

The 41-year-old Lashley is perhaps best known for representing Donald Trump in a "Battle of the Billionaires" match at WrestleMania in 2007. Lashley has wrestled for Global Force Wrestling since 2009, right around the time he got serious about chasing an MMA career. He's won all five bouts since he joined Bellator in 2014 and has stated his desire to fight for the heavyweight championship .

"You can't just say, OK, I fought before so I want to be a professional wrestler," Lashley said.

Lashley is involved in a GWF storyline where he threatened to quit the wrestling promotion to become a full-time MMA fighter.

"He needs to focus on which one he can make the most money on and the biggest splash in right now and in my opinion, that's MMA," American Top Team trainer Dan Lambert said.

Rousey made millions under contract at UFC and can make a bigger splash now working for WWE. Rousey, one of the more celebrated athletes in the world, has kept a low profile since her unbeaten streak came to a thud with two straight losses that put her UFC career in doubt. She's coaching D-list celebrities on "Battle of the Network Stars" and was a guest of WWE executive Triple H at a taping last month of the Mae Young Classic.

"Ronda Rousey for me is a WrestleMania attraction," veteran WWE announcer Jim Ross said. "I think she's a big enough star to wrestle perhaps Charlotte, or whomever. There's a lot of ways to market Ronda Rousey. I think her love of the wrestling business and the sizzle that comes with it for WWE is something she's very interested in. I don't think it's a payday issue as much as it's a new adventure."

Raisman: Scandal marred USA Gymnastics needs sweeping change

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)—Aly Raisman is ready to talk about "the elephant in the room." And the six-time Olympic medal winning gymnast thinks it's time USA Gymnastics joins in a conversation she feels is long overdue.

The 23-year-old is calling for sweeping change in the organization in the wake of dozens of allegations of sexual abuse former national team doctor Larry Nassar, a scandal that has left one of the U.S. Olympic movement's marquee programs scrambling and Raisman shaken.

Larry Nassar spent nearly 30 years as an osteopath with the USA Gymnastics program and is now in prison in Michigan after pleading guilty to possession of child pornography. Nassar is still awaiting trial on separate criminal sexual conduct charges in addition to being sued by over 125 women in civil court who claim he sexually assaulted them under the guise of treatment.

Nassar has pleaded not guilty to the assault charges and the dozens of civil suits filed in Michigan are currently in mediation .

Raisman, who was around Nassar regularly at the team's training facility in Texas and at meets around the globe, declined to talk about whether she was treated improperly by Nassar. She did agree to speak more generally and called Nassar "a monster" and blames USA Gymnastics for failing to stop him and spending too much of the fallout attempting to "sweep it under the rug."

"I feel like there's a lot of articles about it, but nobody has said, 'This is horrible, this is what we're doing to change,'" Raisman said in a wide-ranging interview Saturday shortly after she and other members of the "Final Five" that won team gold at the 2016 Olympics were inducted into the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame.

Raisman served as a captain for both the "Final Five" and the "Fierce Five" that won gold in London in 2012. While several alleged Nassar victims have come forward, including 2000 Olympic bronze medalist Jamie Dantzscher, Raisman is the highest profile athlete yet to publicly reprimand the organization. Raisman said she kept quiet waiting after the initial allegations surfaced last summer, waiting for USA Gymnastics to own up to its mistakes.

While it is taking steps toward creating a safer environment for its athletes, she doesn't believe it is doing nearly enough openly enough, adding she feels USA Gymnastics is trying to get on with business as usual.

"What people don't realize is that this doctor was a doctor for 29 years," Raisman. "Whether or not he did it to a gymnast, they still knew him. Even if he didn't do it to you, it's still the trauma and the anxiety of wondering what could have happened. I think that needs to be addressed. These girls, they should be comfortable going to USA Gymnastics and saying 'I need help, I want therapy. I need this.'

USA Gymnastics launched an independent review of its policies in the wake of the allegations against Nassar and reporting by the Indianapolis Star that highlighted chronic mishandling of abuse allegations against coaches and staff at some of its over 3,500 clubs across the country.

In June the federation immediately adopted 70 recommendations proffered by Deborah Daniels, a former federal prosecutor who oversaw the review. The new guidelines require member gyms to go to authorities immediately, with Daniels suggesting USA Gymnastics consider withholding membership from clubs who decline to do so. The organization also named Toby Stark, a child welfare advocate, as its director of SafeSport. Part of Stark's mandate is educating members on rules, educational programs, reporting and adjudication services.

USA Gymnastics said in a statement late Saturday it welcomes Raisman's passion, adding it's "appalled" by the accusations against Nassar.

"We are taking this issue head-on, and we want to work with Aly and all interested athletes to keep athletes safe," USA Gymnastics said.

Daniels said repeatedly when her review was published in June that she wasn't hired to make judgments on past missteps, something that doesn't fly with Raisman. She pointed to the reported $1 million severance package given to former president Steve Penny after he resigned under pressure in March as proof that the organization just doesn't get it.

"I thought, 'Wow, why couldn't they create a program?'" Raisman said. "A million dollars is a lot of money. They could do a lot of things to create change. They could create a program. They could even contact all the families that have come forward and say 'Can we help your kid with therapy?'"

POJC Team Event starts today

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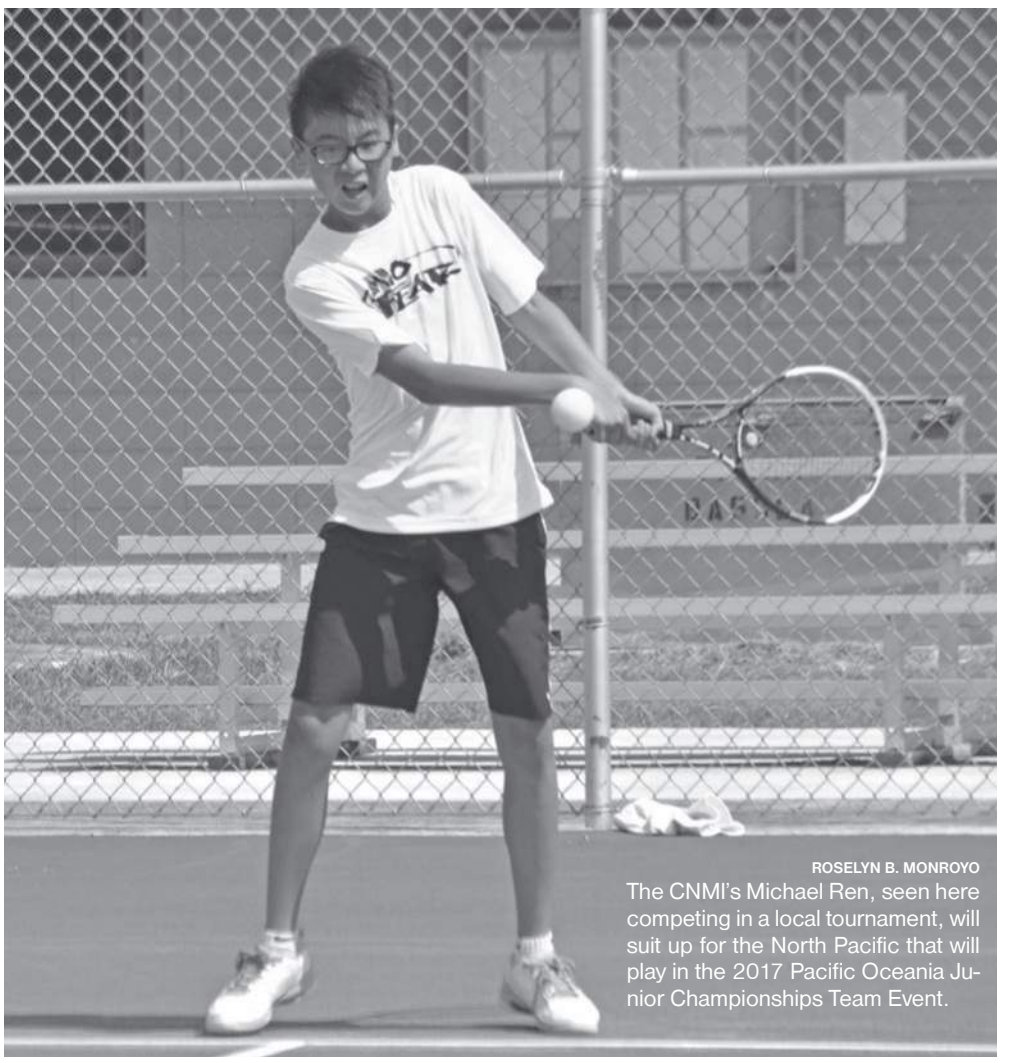

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The CNMI's Michael Ren, seen here competing in a local tournament, will suit up for the North Pacific that will play in the 2017 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships Team Event.

The CNMI-led North Pacific squad will begin its campaign in the 2016 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships Team Event today in Fiji.

Day 1 will have North Pacific's U12 squad battling East Pacific, which is made up of Samoa, American Samoa, and Tonga players. The Commonwealth is represented by Daniel Kang, Anthony Gregoire, and Hye Jin Elliot in the boys and girls divisions of the U12 singles and doubles competitions and will be joined by players from Guam and the Federated States of Micronesia.

In the U16 division, the CNMI will have Michael Ren, Vincent Tudela, Ken Song, and Robbie Schorr, and they will go up against the West squad, which will lean on players from host Fiji, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu. In the girls U16 division, the North Pacific will pin its hopes on three-time champion Carol Lee, doubles winner Malika Miyawaki (with Lee), and Grace Choi.

The team event will have a round-robin play in each group and the squad with the best record will be named champions.

The CNMI's U14 players will start competing in the team event tomorrow. The Commonwealth's U14 squad is led by Ji Min Woo. Joining him on the North Pacific team are Richard Steele, Seung Jin Paik, and Sean Lee. The girls group has sisters Conatsu and Coume Kaga and Maria Gregoire and the North Pacific team will go up against the West. Also scheduled for tomorrow is the North Pacific U16's squad game versus the East, while the North Pacific U12 and U14 crews will play the West and East, respectively, on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, in the team event in the U12 age group of the POJC, the CNMI (Kang and Steele) finished fourth, while Elliot joined the North Pacific Team and also ended up at the No. 4 spot. Cook Islands won the boys U12, while East Pacific ruled the girls field.

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a late-game comeback in the seventh.

Bobai had a shaky seventh inning and gave up a two-run homer to Kalle Igisomar with Jerry Ayuyu, who had a lead off walk, tagging along to cut Momma Charu's lead to 16-10.

John Terlaje, who reached first on a Sibetang throwing error, scored on a John Diaz RBI single to make it 16-11. That Brotherhood play sandwiched a Ken Kaipat fly for the first out. Diaz later scored on a Bill Camacho single and the latter added one more run.

Camacho's run pegged the final count as Momma Charu's defense held on. Bill Angailen, who singled, was caught on a 6-4 putout play, while Joe Lizama was tagged out heading to first to end the game.

Kuich Damian homered and had three RBIs, while Bernard Keleleman also blasted a solo round-tripper in the fifth inning. Ed Kapileo scored thrice and Olopai finished with two doubles.

Bobai and Payton Sakuma had a double each, and Fawnny Kelulau, Mars Keleleman, and Ben Tagabuel had a single apiece to contribute to Momma Charu's 15 hits.

Sufa moved to 4-7 after a 14-11 win over Asahi, while Peleliu forced a tie for the lead with Brotherhood after winning by default against Red Torch, which dropped their 10th straight game. The SA Masters (5-6) also won by default over the C.K. Bears (2-8).

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place, 4-0, 4-2. No. 1 seed Cwajenbaum ruled the division following a 6-1, 6-0 victory over No. 2 and the Solomon Islands' Zorika Morgan, who came from a tough 4-6, 6-4, 11-9 win over Conatsu to make it to the finals. Cwajenbaum had an easier semis victory after whipping Kamu in the other semis pairing, 6-0, 6-0.

In the boys U14 singles, Ji Min Woo also bagged third place after prevailing over fellow CNMI player Sean Lee in the consolation match, 5-3, 4-0. The No. 1 seed Woo was upset by the unranked Manovai Elie of Tahiti in the semis, 6-3, 7-5, while Lee fell to Tonga's Christopher Maasi in the other Final Four pairing, 6-7, 1-6. Maasi went on to top the division after outlasting Elie in the finals, 6-3, 7-6(4), 10-7.

In the boys doubles, Lee barged into the finals after he and the Federated States of Micronesia's Jerson Freddy stunned No. 1 seed Kelese Kofe of Tuvalu and Vanuatu's Maui Leflon in the semis, 4-1, 1-4, 10-8. However, the CNMI-FSM pair fell short in their title match against the Tahiti duo of Elie and Mohearii Polin, 2-4, 5-4 (5), 1-10. In the third place game, Woo and Seung Jin Paik slipped past Kofe and Leflon, 4-1, 1-4, 12-10.

In the boys U16 division, Robbie Schorr finished third both in the singles and doubles competitions. He and Ken Song won the all-CNMI consolation game against Michael Ren and Vincent Tudela, 4-2, 4-0. Vanuatu's Marlin Hannam and Clement Mainguy took the doubles crown following a 5-7, 6-4, 10-7 victory against Tahiti's Jeremy Guines and Hirinaki Lo. In the singles, Schorr dominated Hannam, 4-0, 4-0, to join Guines and Mainguy in the Top 3. Guines pulled off an upset against the No. 1 Mainguy in the finals, 7-6 (6), 6-3.

Stenson takes 1-stroke lead after 3rd round at Wyndham

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP)—Henrik Stenson shot a 4-under 66 on Saturday to take a one-stroke lead in the Wyndham Championship.

The 2013 FedEx Cup champion and 2016 British Open winner was at 16-under 194 at Sedgefield with a round left in the PGA Tour's last regular-season event of the season.

Webb Simpson, Kevin Na and Ollie Schniederjans were tied for second. Na shot a 65, Schniederjans had a 66 and Simpson—a North Carolina native who won at Sedgefield in 2011—had a 68.

Johnson Wagner was 14 under after a 65.

Simpson had sole possession of the lead late in the round, before Stenson caught him during his birdie binge on the back nine.

The Swede pulled even with Simpson with birdies on four of five holes, a run he capped by sticking his second shot on the par-4 17th some 10 feet from the hole and converting that putt. He could have ended his round with another one, but pulled his 15-foot birdie putt wide right and settled for par.

Still, his 72-hole score is second-best in tournament play at Sedgefield, surpassed only by Carl Pettersson's 191 in 2008.

Simpson—a local favorite who grew up in Raleigh, played in college at nearby Wake Forest and named his third child Wyndham after that victory here—shared the 54-hole lead with Ryan Armour at 13 under.

Simpson birdied his first hole, then reeled off 11 consecutive pars before briefly taking sole possession of the lead with birdies on the 13th and 15th holes. He sank a 20-foot birdie putt on No. 13 and two holes later, he settled for birdie after missing a 35-foot eagle putt on No. 15.

Simpson could have caught Stenson on the 18th, but he pulled a 15-foot birdie putt left.

Schniederjans—a 24-year-old, third-year pro from Georgia Tech—is chasing his first victory on tour and his fifth top-10 finish of the year.

After shooting a 63 on Friday and starting his round two strokes off the lead, he became the first to 16 under with his birdie on the par-5 15th, hitting his second shot into the primary rough but recovering by chipping to 10 feet and converting the putt.

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ond and zoomed to an early double-digit lead that they managed to protect until the end. RBF came in third.

Handicapped went undefeated in the round-robin games in the morning to determine the seeding of the teams. RBF was second while Sam Da Soo, Hitfaced, and Pwangerang ended up tied.

SDS became the third seed, followed by Hitfaced, and Pwangerang based on the tie-breaker points with 66, 62, and 57, respectively.

RBF defeated SDS, 21-9, in the first game of the double-elimination round and followed it up with a 21-17 decision against Handicapped. They lost to Hitfaced in the next match 21-19.

Hitfaced scored wins over Pwangerang (21-15), SDS (21-15), and RBF (21-19) to clinch the first finals berth. Handicapped defeated SDS, 21-15, then squeezed out a hard-earned 24-22 win against RBF to earn the right of facing Hitfaced in the title match.

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residents of San Antonio and surrounding villages are invited to register or check TanHoldings teams practices every Thursday, beginning at 5pm (for U6, U8, U10, U12, and girls U15) and Friday from 4:30pm (for boys U14 and U17 division). Registration can be made through TanHoldings FC coach Ladyvir Canape or the club's Facebook page (TanHoldings FC) and contact numbers 989-2545.

"Come and join our club that has a winning tradition and treats its members, coaches, and players' parents as family," Canape said.

Kanoa Football Club also has about 100 players divided into the seven age groups and looks to recruit more. Practices schedule will be posted at William S. Reyes Elementary School, the club's home. Usually, each age group squad trains once a week after school hours at the WSR pitch.

Newcomers need not to worry, as Kanoa has a pool of coaches, who are members of the national teams, have been with the sports for years, and have undergone seminars/clinics. Chalan Kanoa, Susupe, and Chalan Kiya youth residents are welcome to join the club. Contact coach Cristy Villafor at 789-9192 and check the club's Facebook page (Kanoa Football Club) for more information.

For Koblerville youth residents, the practical choice is the newest club in town—Southern United. The fledging club has around 50 players spread in the U6, U8, U10, U12, and girls U15 divisions, leaving more rooms for new recruits.

Southern United trains at the well-kept and spacious Koblerville Elementary School pitch every Tuesday from 4pm onwards. Contact person is Megan Aglipay at 789-8362 or Ruselle Zapanta through the club's Facebook page (Southern United FC). Announcements will be posted at the home of the Umangs to update students about the club's activities for the season.

The 2017 NMIFA Fall Youth League will kick off on Sept. 16 at the various school fields. Other club's registration info will be reported in *Saipan Tribune's* Tuesday edition.

Registration fees per clubs are minimal and in exchange players can look forward to continued physical, social, and mental development, are encouraged to live an active lifestyle, and have opportunities to represent their school and the island in regional and international tournaments in the future.

Brotherhood also Belau softball stats leaders

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Brotherhood has been dominating its opponents in the 2017 Belau Masters Men's Softball League thanks to its players that are in the Top 10 statistical leaders in batting and pitching.

Batters need to have 21 or more times at bat to be included on the list of batting leaders, while pitching was based on 10 or more innings pitched.

As of Aug. 12, Brotherhood remains undefeated after 10 games, while Peleliu is in second with a 9-1 slate followed by Momma Charu (6-3) and Karui's 6-4 record.

SA Masters (4-6), Asahi (3-6), Sufa (3-7), Papa Bears (2-7), and Red Torch (0-9) complete the standings of the nine-team field.

Bill Camacho led three other Brotherhood players that are the batting leaders with an average of .814 or going 22-of-27 at the plate. Joe Lizama, Julian Camacho, and John Terlaje joined Bill Camacho at fourth to sixth places, respectively.

Lizama went 38-of-26 for .684, Julian Camacho batted 17-of-26 for .654, while Terlaje has 18 hits in 29 times at bat for a .621 average.

Jojo Attao of the Papa Bears was in second (.750), while Ron Olopai of Momma Chaurd came in third (.714).

The SA Masters' Mike Sablan (.619), Karui's Steve Igisair (.611), Momma Charu's Payton Sakuma (.609), and the Papa Bears' Joseph Celis (.600) complete the list from seventh to eighth places.

Lizama is the current runs score leader with 23 followed by Bill Camacho, Dominic Hideo and Lefty Shiro with 20 each. Shiro had the most doubles with seven, while Phil Celis had six, and George David, Jack Guerrero, and Tito Laniyo have five each.

Bill Camacho leads the players with the most triples with five, while Hideo, Chris Harumi, and Nizer Masayos have three apiece.

Taylor Watanabe is the current homerun leader with nine followed closely by Dominic Remilik's nine, and the seven each of Sakuma and Mabel Ngirngemelas. Watanabe also leads the RBI department with 30, while Igisair had 23, and Attao, Shiro, and Jerry Ayuyu have 21 each.

Momma Charu's Leo Bobai leads the pitching department with a 5.37 ERA or allowing 33 earned runs and 98 hits in the 43 innings he pitched in the eight games. Joseph Celis came in second with a 6.09 ERA followed by Brotherhood's John Diaz's 6.51.

Peleliu's Rush Kintaro (7.00), Karui's Lucian George (7.17), Ray Villagomez of Peleliu (7.32), Sufa's Tom Camacho (7.89), SA Masters' John Cepeda (8.12), Papa Bears' John Maratita (9.38), and Igisair (10.10) are the other pitching leaders.

Diaz of Brotherhood has the most strikeouts with 22 with Tom Camacho not far behind with 18 followed by Leo Bobai's 17, the 16 of John Cepeda, and the 15 each of Leo Iskawa and Igisair.

Registration on for fall youth league

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A TanHoldings Football Club player, right, kicks the ball in front of a Kanoa FC defender during their game in the co-ed U12 division of the NMIFA Youth Spring League this year at the Hopwood Junior High School Field. The fall league will kick off on Sept. 16.

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Four clubs are gearing up for the 2017 NMIFA Fall Youth League and are inviting interested players to join their age group teams for a season of soccer, fun, fellowship, and more.

Matansa Football Club, which is one of the founding members of Northern Mariana Islands Football Association, has started its registration and welcomes students and other youth players residing in Tanapag, San Roque, and As Matuis to its growing family.

Matansa is looking for players for its co-ed U6, U8, U10, and U12 (A and B), girls U15, boys U14, and boys U17 teams, and they can register by contacting Elna Curate at 483-11-76.

The club calls Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School as its home field and students/players keen on becoming members of the group can drop by and observe Matansa's practices. The boys U17 team trains every Tuesday, while the club's U8, U10, and U12 squads have their practice sessions every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, respectively. All training sessions start from 4:30pm and last until 5:30pm and are conducted by Matansa's pool of experienced coaches.

"Right now we have about 90 youth players and we would like to have more. We are open for registration all throughout the season and everyone is invited even if they are not from the San Roque, Tanapag, and As Matuis villages. We also have players who reside in Kagman and Capital Hill," Curate said.

"We will circulate emails to various schools in the villages to invite their students to join the club," she added.

While Matansa caters to players up north, down south there are three clubs to choose from—TanHoldings Football Club, Southern United Football Club, and Kanoa Football Club.

The Francisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School is home to TanHoldings, which looks to stock its pool of around 100 players. The club also participates in the U6, U8, U10, U12, girls U15, and boys U14 and U17 division of the youth league.

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OAA invites members for coaching course

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The Oceania Athletics Association is inviting its member federations to take part in an International Association of Athletics Federations Coaches Education and Certification System Middle Long Distance Level II course.

OAA regional development manager Regan Kama sent out the invitation in behalf of executive director Yvonne Mullins. The coaching course is set from Sept. 23 to 30 in Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia.

Kama said member federations must submit the nomination of their candidate on or before Sept. 1. "The [OAA] takes this opportunity to invite your federation to nominate a candidate for the IAAF to approve to attend the CECS [Level II MLD] course."

JON PEREZ

Northern Marianas Athletics development officer Elias Rangamar, left, supervises one of the training sessions with CNMI athletes in this file photo. The Oceania Athletics Association is asking member federations to nominate someone who will attend a coaching course for middle and long distance running events.

"Those attending the course will be arriving in Gold Coast on the night of Sept. 22 and will leave in the morning of Oct. 1. A course dinner will be conducted on Sept. 30 for all participants."

Northern Marianas Athletics president Ramon A. Tebuteb is encouraging all coaches, specially those in schools, to inform them if they are interested.

"This is what we need, the basic course to be offered in our part of the region where school coaches can expand in certain areas," Tebuteb said.

The course is open to coaches who already completed a minimum IAAF CECS Level II and have at least one year of active coaching certified by the member federation. It will give the coaches the chance to specialize in one of the event's specific groups.

It will also introduce coaches to specific planning and reviewing of their coaching skills that are needed in focusing to coach middle and long distance runners in their respective events. Developing intermediate coaching skills and knowledge is the course's goal.

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Carol delivers 2 titles to CNMI

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Carol Lee makes a backhand return during an ITF Juniors event in Guam last year. Lee joined the 2017 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji last week and won the girls U16 singles and doubles (with Malika Miyawaki) titles.

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No. 1 seed Carol Lee did not disappoint, handing the CNMI two championships at the conclusion of the opening week of the 2016 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji last Saturday.

Lee first won the girls U16 singles crown after sweeping No. 2 and Tahiti's Naia Guitton in the finals, 6-3, 6-1. Lee did not drop a single set en route to topping the division as she earlier walloped No. 3 and Samoa's Eleanor Schuster in the semis, 6-0, 6-0, and defeated Tonga Brookie Maasi in the quarterfinals, 4-0, 4-1.

A few hours after conquering singles play and getting her third straight championship in the age group, the 15-year-old Lee returned to the court and teamed up with fellow CNMI player Malika Miyawaki. The Commonwealth duo went on to survive Guitton and Schuster in an extended finale, 6-2, 5-7, 10-5. Lee and Miyawaki moved into the title game after easing past Tonga's Peta Fatai and Brookie Maasi, 4-0, 4-1. Schuster and Guitton also needed only two sets to eliminate Vanuatu's Rosalie Molballeh and Daisy Sipiti and advance to the championship match, 4-1, 4-1.

In other results, the CNMI Junior National Team missed getting its third title in the POJC as sisters Conatsu and Coume Kaga lost their finals game in the girls U14 division. The Kaga siblings marched into the finale following a 4-1, 5-3 triumph over the Solomon Islands' Prudence Bird and Zorika Morgan before bowing to Vanuatu's Clara Cwajenbaum and Desiree Signo in the championship tiff, 1-4, 2-4. The eventual champions, earlier, outclassed Tonga's Kira Fong Loi and Celina Snogan, 4-1, 4-2, to inch closer to the division title.

In the girls U14 singles, Conatsu made it to the podium after downing Samoa's Penina Kamu in the battle for third

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Handicapped rules beach volleyball tournament

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Handicapped are all smiles after winning the End of Summer Coed 4-person beach volleyball tournament last Saturday at the Sandy Beach.

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Handicapped took the longer route in claiming the End of Summer Coed 4-Person Beach Volleyball Tournament, held last Saturday at the Sandy Beach in Chalan Kanoa. The one-day event was a fundraising tournament for next month's indoor volleyball games.

Handicapped overcame the twice-to-beat edge of early finalist Hitfaced with scores of 21-11 and 21-8 to clinch the Pineapple Trophy. They also went home with gift certificates courtesy of Marianas Pacific Distributors Inc. and several beach chairs.

Handicapped, which drew a bye after earning the top seeding, dropped to the losers bracket after a 21-17 setback against Resting Beach Face in its opening match.

Hitfaced, on the other hand, went undefeated in the double-round elimination to earn the first finals berth. That, however, took its toll on the team as they cooled off in waiting for their final opponent.

Youth player Knohlynn Gechig, John Nidea, Jessie Palacios, David Rillera, Bryan Valenton, and Kathy Winkfield alternated in seeing action in the two games they played against Hitfaced in the finals.

Gechig, who played in the first game, had a number of good saves with Winkfield finishing what she started in the penultimate match, while Valenton and Nidea worked their way at the net in setting up a number of kills made by Palacios and Rillera.

Hitfaced only needed to win one game but dropped the opener, 21-11, to force a deciding match.

Handicapped, boosted by their first-game win, played more aggressively in the sec-

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Momma Charu ends Brotherhood's win streak

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Momma Charu used a 10-run scoring binge in the third inning to hammer out a 16-13 decision against Brotherhood in the 2017 Belau Masters Softball League yesterday at the Dandan Softball Field.

The victory improved Momma Charu's record to 7-3, but more importantly they ended Brotherhood's 10-game winning run to join Peleliu, which won by default against Red Torch in the other match.

Lee Sibetang led Momma Charu's eight-hit parade with a lead-off home run in the third to break away from a 3-3 deadlock and worked their way to preserve the lead. Nizer Masayos had a triple in the said inning, while Leo Bobai and Ron Olopai each doubled.

Brotherhood tried to turn things around in the last three innings but came up short, especially when they attempted

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Momma Charu players celebrate a morale-boosting win over the previously undefeated Brotherhood yesterday in the Belau Masters Softball League.